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## PREFACE.

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THE present age is happily awake to the duty of writing its own records, setting down what is best worth remembering in the lives of the busy toilers of to-day, noting, not in vain glory, but with an honest pride and sense of fitness, things worthy of emulation, that thus the good men do may live after them. The accounts here rendered are not of buried talents, but of used ability and opportunity. The conquests recited are of mind over matter, of cheerful labor directed by thought, not of shrewdness in getting "something for nothing," but of honest, earnest endeavor which subdues the earth in the divinely appointed way:

While the plan of the work did not call for minute genealogical research, we have gladly made use of such data for filling out family histories as have been furnished us, and in numerous cases have verified or corrected and extended the same by consultation of standard authorities. In these pages we have briefly chronicled the life-stories of descendants of some of the first settlers of New England, progenitors who have a claim on what a wise speaker has termed "a moral and philosophical respect which elevates the character and improves the heart"; passengers in the "Mayflower of a forlorn hope," and others who came in ships that closely followed in her wake, as the Fortune, the Lion, the Mary and John; representatives, too, of later immigrants to the shores of Massachusetts Bay, imbued with the true Pilgrim spirit, together with stanch and progressive compatriots of foreign birth. It has seemed worth while to write and to publish these biographies, because, to borrow the words of an eloquent speaker, such men and women as are here commemorated "by their industrious toil and faithful citizenship have kept sweet the heart of New England civilization." Wherefore the book should commend itself as of more than passing interest and fleeting worth,—a volume to be prized by children's children. "The great lesson of biography," it has been said, "is to show what man can be and do at his best. A noble life put fairly on record acts like an inspiration."

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ON. HENRY A. KIMBALL, Mayor of Northampton, whose portrait is herewith presented, was born in Windham, Windham County, Conn., in what is now the town of Scotland, May 3, 1842. He comes of good old Colonial stock early transplanted from the mother country, being a direct descendant of Richard Kimball, who with his wife Ursula and several children came from Ipswich, England, in the ship "Elizabeth" in 1634, was admitted a freeman at Watertown, Mass., in 1635, removed to Ipswich, Mass., in 1637, and died there in 1675. Many of his posterity are living at this day in Essex County. The Kimballs of Windham County, Connecticut, claim Richard, Jr., born in 1623, second son of the immigrant, as their progenitor, Pelatiah Kimball, one of his lineage, having removed to that locality at an early date, following the footsteps of a brother, a third Richard, of whom he bought a farm which has now been in the family about two hundred years. His son, Pelatiah, Jr., born in 1739, who married Mary Crowell, died March 1, 1823, aged eighty-four years. Seven of his nine children grew to maturity.

James Kimball, son of Pelatiah and Mary, and grandfather of Mayor Kimball, was born in Windham, Conn., on July 15, 1772; he passed his entire life on the ancestral homestead, and died on April 20, 1843. He and

his wife, Betsy Bingham Kimball, reared three sons—Anson, Albert, and John—and two daughters. Anson, who became a well-known teacher, a Justice of the Peace, and a farmer, died in 1885. John, the only one of the three now living, is a prosperous farmer in Newark Valley, Tioga County, N.Y. He and his wife are remarkably bright and active at the age of eighty-three years. They have two daughters, and a son who is a surgeon in the United States Army. Albert Kimball was born on December 10, 1808, and died in 1885, having been throughout his active life extensively engaged in farming on the patrimonial acres. He married Melissa Woodward, of Canterbury, Conn., who still resides at the family homestead with her eldest son, James D. Kimball.

Henry A., who is the fourth-born and second son of the six children of Albert and Melissa (Woodward) Kimball, passed his early boyhood upon the farm and acquired a good education in the district schools. He subsequently taught school several terms both in Connecticut and New Jersey. In 1869 he entered the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad as clerk in the freight office at New Haven, and after remaining in that capacity for two years was clerk to the superintendent of the Air Line Railway for one year, and then held for several years the position of general freight and ticket agent, also acting as superintendent. Mr. Kimball was connected with the road until 1879, when he moved to Holyoke, Mass., and

engaged in the coal business, having yards there and also in this city. In 1881 he disposed of his interest in Holyoke, and since that time, in company with Frank W. Cary, has been engaged in the same trade in Northampton, conducting a large and profitable business.

Mr. Kimball has always taken an active interest in public affairs, and, being a man abundantly fitted for the discharge of important trusts, has been called to fill various positions of responsibility. He was a member of the Connecticut legislature in 1869, and of the Massachusetts House of Representatives for the years 1888, 1889, and 1890, and during the years 1891, 1892, and 1893 held a seat in the State Senate. Although a Democrat in politics, he was chosen from a Republican district, and has been twice elected Mayor of the city of Northampton, giving the people a thoroughly able and progressive administration. He is a Director of the Hampshire County National Bank, of the Hampshire County Savings Bank, also of the Norwood Engineering Company; and for the past five years he has been President of the New England Coal Company of Hartford, Conn. In Masonry he has advanced to the Knight Templar's degree.

He was first married in the month of October, 1863, to Miss Mary T. Williams, who survived but two years; and he wedded for his second wife, on October 21, 1867, Hannah M. Williams, a sister of his first wife, both of them having been pupils at the school where he taught. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball occupy a very pleasant residence at 57 Prospect Street, which he erected in 1883, and are socially very popular.

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**A**LONZO STERLING KING, senior member of the firm of King Brothers, proprietors of the King Silk Mill at Easthampton, Mass., was born in West

Springfield on February 26, 1838, son of William D. and Elizabeth (Brown) King, and grandson of Robert and Sarah (Conkey) King.

Robert King was born in Chesterfield, Mass., in 1770. He spent a portion of his life in the wilds of New York; but his last days were passed in West Springfield, Mass. He died there in August, 1838, and rests in the Elmwood Cemetery. His wife, Sarah Conkey before marriage, who was of Scotch Presbyterian descent, was born in Worcester County, Massachusetts. They reared six of the twelve children born of their union, but all have since passed away. She died in 1845, at upward of eighty years of age.

William D. King, who was born in New York in 1798, chose for his vocation the trade of a stone cutter, which he followed with success throughout his life. In 1849 he settled in Easthampton, being induced to come thither at the solicitation of a Mr. Williston. He did the stone work on the Payson church and the Williston Seminary buildings. The stone posts and curbing around his last resting-place in the old Main Street Cemetery were the last work of his hands. He was married in 1827 to Miss Elizabeth Brown, of Newbury, Essex County, Mass. Her mother's maiden name was Mary Plummer; and she was born in the old Plummer home, which was owned by members of that family from 1635 to about 1845. The union of Mr. and Mrs. King resulted in eight children, as follows: Dolly E., wife of Orrin Moore, of Brimfield, Mass.; Henrietta, who married Laban Smith, and died in Connecticut in 1893, at sixty-three years of age; Mary J., wife of Dwight L. Clark, living in Easthampton; Alonzo Sterling King, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. H. Adaline Thompson, a widow, and a regular physician with a large practice in Bridgeport, Conn.; Charlotte, who married George W.

Flagg, and lives at Northampton; Asahel B. King, junior member of the firm of King Brothers; and Charles F. King, who is married and lives in Oakland, Cal. Their mother was a remarkable woman, and retained her mental and bodily activity to within a few days of her death, which occurred on December 11, 1893, in the eighty-seventh year of her age.

Asahel B. King, who was born in West Springfield, now Holyoke, Mass., in 1847, afterward removed with his parents to Meriden, Conn.; and there at fourteen years of age he began to learn the trade of machinist. For two years he was employed in the government gun works, and from there he went to New Haven, where he continued to work at his trade until 1865, at which time he left to enter the employ of the Florence Sewing Machine Company. In 1866 he went to Northampton to live, and from that time up to 1881 he was employed by the Nonotuck Silk Company and by other parties in Florence and Leeds. He afterward joined his brother in the purchase of what is now known as the King Silk Mill, where they are doing a very successful business. On November 12, 1874, he was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie L. Field, of Northampton, a daughter of William E. and Lucretia L. (Dickinson) Field, the former of whom died in 1873, leaving his widow with two children. She is now seventy-six years of age, and is living with her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. King's home has been brightened by the birth of a daughter, Bessie F. King, a charming young lady now in her teens and an attendant of the high school. Mr. King is a stanch Republican. He is a member of Ionic Lodge, A. F. & A. M. His wife and daughter are members of the Congregational church. The family reside on Centre Street.

Alonzo Sterling King spent his early years in his parental home. In August, 1862, he

entered the United States Navy as a volunteer, and served one year before the mast. What is now known as the King Silk Mills was established in 1876 at Glendale, Mass., and was then known as the Glenwood Silk Mills. This he conducted in partnership with O. G. Webster until the latter sold his interest to Asahel B. King, since which time the business has been carried on under the firm name of King Brothers. In 1884 the present plant was erected. It is a brick structure, two stories in height, with a basement. The main mill is one hundred and twenty feet long and forty feet in width, and has an L thirty by thirty-six feet in dimensions. Near by is the dye-house, which is one story in height and covers an area thirty by thirty-six feet. Although about seventy-five hands were formerly employed in the mill, a few less than thirty are now engaged there. The specialty is the manufacture of silk floss, organzine, and tram silks.

Mr. King has never married. Nevertheless, he has not lived for himself alone. He is one of the most reliable and active business men of Easthampton. He votes the Republican ticket and has always upheld the principles of that party. At the present time he is holding the town office of Assessor, and for four years has been a member of the fire department, of which he is Chief Engineer. He is affiliated with the Masonic Order and a member of Northampton Royal Arch Chapter. He is also Past Commander of George C. Strong Post, Grand Army of the Republic, No. 166, of which he is an active member.



WILLIAM FENNO PRATT, at one time a leading architect of Northampton, now living in retirement, was born here January 15, 1814, son of

Thomas and Eunice (Parsons) Pratt. His father was born October 22, 1784, in Weymouth, Mass., son of Nehemiah and Ruth (Torrey) Pratt. Preceding Nehemiah was a Levi L. Pratt, of whom it is related that he was impressed by the British into their naval service and taken to a distant island. Nehemiah, grandfather of William Fenno Pratt, was a farmer in Weymouth. He and his wife had several children, of whom three daughters married wealthy men; namely, John Fenno, David Pulsifer, and Mr. Cutting.

Thomas Pratt was a well-known and famous architect and builder of this city. He erected many of its finest dwellings, some of which are: the Blodgett mansion, of Grecian Ionic architecture; the Dewey House, of Smith College; the John Hopkins house, now occupied by Father Rainsville; and the Whitney house, near by. He was a useful citizen, and represented his town in the State legislature. His first wife had seven sons and one daughter, as follows: Seth Parsons, who died in childhood; Thomas, a carpenter, who died in middle life, leaving a wife and two daughters, all of whom are deceased; Levi, superannuated editor of the Watertown *Times*, of Watertown, N.Y., who has a wife; Wales P., who died at the age of twenty-six years; Charles S., a resident of Northampton; Horace, who was a soldier in a Connecticut regiment, and died from the effects of army life; Mary Ann, who married Morris Thayer, and died leaving one son, Wales P. Thayer; and William Fenno, the subject of this notice.

William Fenno Pratt attended the public schools until he was sixteen years old, when he began to assist his father at the carpenter's trade. He aided in building the Blodgett house; and subsequently he drew the plans for the Easthampton church, one of his earliest architectural works. The plans for St. Mary's

Parochial School were also his. Mr. Pratt continued in the business after his father's death, and in the course of time accumulated a competency. Being one of the foremost men in his line of business in this section of the county, Mr. Pratt was always busy, his services being in demand by any one requiring fine and substantial workmanship.

On February 18, 1835, Mr. Pratt was united in marriage at St. James Church, in Greenfield, to Elizabeth Clapp, of Northampton, a daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Blackman) Clapp, and the grand-daughter, on her mother's side, of David Strong, who well remembered many of the thrilling incidents of the Revolution, and died in 1857, at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. After enjoying nearly a half-century of happy wedded life, Mrs. Pratt died in 1884, in the sixty-ninth year of her age. She bore him eleven children, two of whom died in infancy. The others attained maturity, and were as follows: Harriet Fenno, wife of Robert Whitehouse, who died at the early age of twenty-one years, leaving one son; Henry, who was a soldier in the late Civil War, serving from 1862 until 1863 in the Twenty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and died at the age of fifty years, leaving a wife and three children, of whom one is now living; Elizabeth Blackman, unmarried, who lives at home; Caroline A., the wife of S. B. Curtis, of Hartford, Conn., and mother of one son, who stands at the head of his classes in college; Anna L., wife of E. I. Clapp, City Clerk; Julia Amy, an invalid, who lives at home; Sarah A., who died September 30, 1874, aged twenty-five years; William Fenno Pratt, Jr., an architect, who is unmarried and resides with his father, and is a man of unusual intelligence, with a phenomenal gift of memorizing, especially as regards dates; and Jennie C., Assistant City

Clerk. Mr. Pratt is a strong adherent of the Democratic party, though in his younger years he was a Whig. Religiously, he is an esteemed member of the Episcopalian church, in which he has served as Vestryman, and in which he was the organist from 1832 until 1855. He has the distinction of being one of the oldest native-born citizens of Northampton; and, notwithstanding that he has passed the allotted threescore and ten years of life by a full decade, he has retained the mental and physical vigor of his youth to a remarkable degree, even retaining his natural teeth as firm and sound as in his youthful days. Throughout his long life Mr. Pratt has fulfilled his obligations as a loyal citizen in a most faithful manner, and is everywhere accorded the respect due him for his sterling integrity and upright manhood.

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**S**ERGEANT JAMES H. DAMON, an esteemed resident of Chesterfield, was born January 4, 1842. His father, also a native of this town, spent the major portion of his life in farming, and was married three times. His first wife, whose maiden name was Shaw, bore him three children, namely: Miranda, deceased; Octavia, now living in Florence, Mass.; and Seth T., a resident of San Francisco. His second wife, Laura Angell before marriage, was a native of Huntington, and had nine children, as follows: Newton, now residing in San Francisco; Mary, deceased; James H., the subject of this sketch; Hannah, also living in San Francisco; Martha, deceased; Emily, deceased; Henry, living in this town; Levi, also of Chesterfield; and Susan, deceased. After the death of his second wife, the father married Orpha Sturtevant, who survived him, dying subsequently in Chesterfield.

Being one of a large family of children, James H. Damon began earning his own living at the tender age of ten years. His first employment was on a farm, where he worked hard for his board and clothes. He continued as a farm laborer until nineteen years of age, when, on August 11, 1861, he gave his services to his country, enlisting in the Twenty-first Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Company H, commanded by Colonel William S. Clark, his company being under the command of Captain Rice. Mr. Damon proved a brave soldier, and was soon promoted to the rank of Sergeant. With his company he took part in many of the hardest-fought engagements of the war. Among them were the battles at Roanoke Island, Newbern, N.C., and Camden, the second battle of Manassas, the battles of Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam, and Fredericksburg, the actions in the campaign of East Tennessee, the battle of Blue Springs, the skirmish at Campbell Station, the siege of Knoxville, and the battle of the Wilderness. In the battle of Chantilly Mr. Damon received a bullet wound in the ankle, but pluckily declined to go into hospital. On May 6, 1864, at the battle of the Wilderness, he was captured by the rebels and taken to Andersonville, where he remained in durance vile for ten months before he was released, February 27, 1865. He then came home for a thirty days' furlough, after which he was sent to Dale Hospital, Worcester, Mass. Here he remained until July 27, when he was honorably discharged.

Soon after his return to the scenes of his childhood, Mr. Damon was united in marriage to Melinda Witherell, the nuptials being performed August 19, 1865. Mrs. Damon was born in Westhampton, and was a daughter of Ransom Witherell, who subsequently removed with his family to Chesterfield, and there

spent his remaining years. After his marriage Mr. Damon carried on his father's farm for five years, and then, in 1870, bought a farm in the southern part of the town of Chesterfield, and there carried on mixed husbandry until his removal to his present home in 1884. His good management, besides winning for him a respectable competency, has resulted in many improvements on his property. Always actively employed, he is a typical representative of the self-made men of the county. Mr. Damon is a steadfast Republican in politics and an intelligent worker in the interests of that party. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 86, of Northampton; and having never fully recovered from the effects of his army life, his health being quite poor and his hearing badly impaired, he draws a pension from the government.

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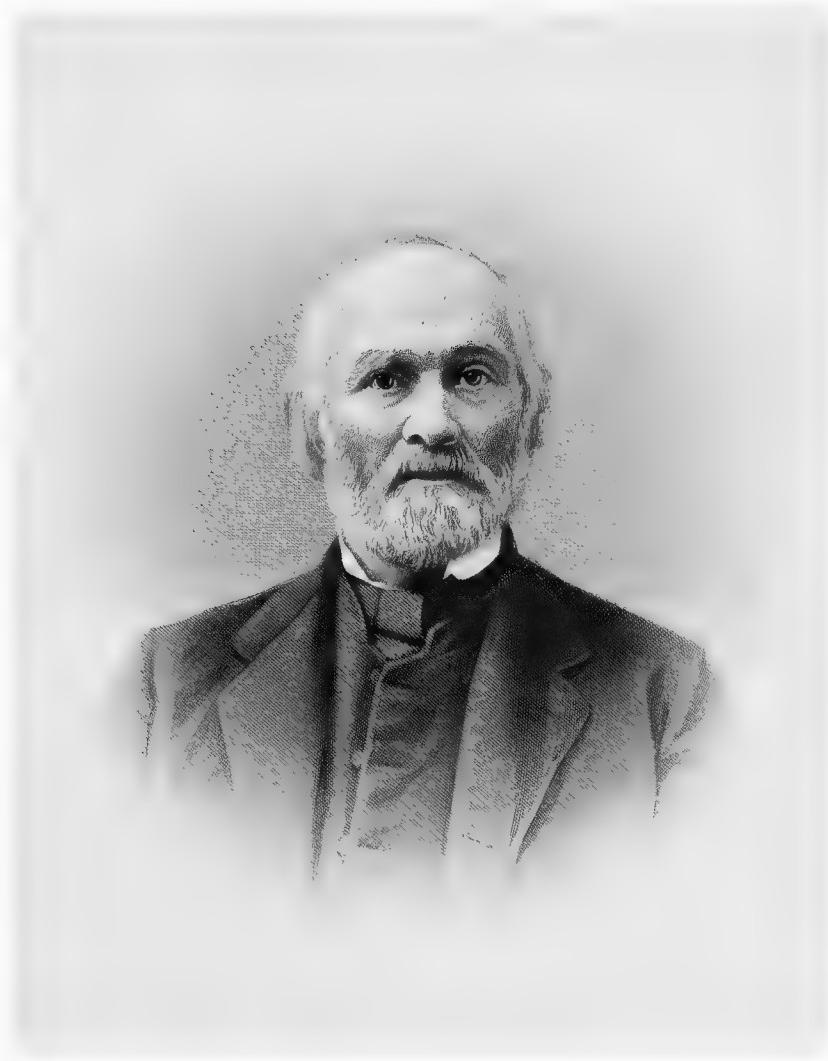
**S**AMUEL H. DICKINSON, a highly respected citizen of Hatfield, Hampshire County, Mass., was born in this town, January 28, 1816, son of Solomon and Hannah (Huntington) Dickinson. Mr. Dickinson's grandfather, Daniel Dickinson, a native and lifelong resident of Hatfield, was an extensive real estate owner and a prosperous and influential citizen. He died at the age of eighty years. He married Lois Dickinson; and she became the mother of five children: Nancy, Rebecca, Daniel, Solomon, and Lois. The mother died at the advanced age of ninety-one years.

Solomon Dickinson was born in a substantial old house which had been fortified and used as a stronghold during the Indian wars, and of which he at length came into possession, later building the new one in which his son Samuel H. was born. Throughout his active life he was energetically and successfully en-

gaged in general farming, making a specialty of stock-raising. He was first a Federalist and then a Whig in politics, and was a Methodist in religion. Solomon Dickinson died in Hatfield, aged seventy-six years. His wife, Hannah T. Huntington, was a daughter of Samuel Huntington, of Norwich, Conn. They reared four children, as follows: Abbie; Samuel H., the subject of this sketch; Philura T., who married G. W. Hubbard; and Harriet, who married D. F. Wells. Mrs. Hannah T. Dickinson died at the age of sixty-eight years.

Samuel H. Dickinson was educated in the schools of Hatfield and at the Greenfield Academy. He resided with his parents as long as they lived, assisting his father in conducting the farm, and eventually succeeded to the possession of the homestead. He afterward purchased the Wells place, the house on which was erected by Dr. Peck in 1840, and has since become the owner of other valuable real estate, including some tenement-houses. Mr. Dickinson is known as one of Hatfield's most able and successful business men. Although he has now retired from active pursuits, he attends to his investment interests, and, being possessed of a robust constitution, enjoys perfect health. He is unmarried.

Desirous of conferring on his native town a substantial and permanent benefit, and of leaving behind him a lasting remembrance of his father and himself, a few years since, with considerate generosity, he devoted the sum of twelve thousand two hundred dollars to the erection in Hatfield of a library building. The work was begun in 1892, and Memorial Hall was dedicated in 1894. It is a handsome and substantial structure, two stories high, built of brick and terra-cotta, and is fire-proof. The first floor contains a spacious hall, a room for mementos and relics, and the town clerk's office; while the upper floor is devoted exclu-



*S. H. Dickinson*



sively to the public library, the whole interior being finished in oak. The gift is highly appreciated by the people of Hatfield, who are not chary of gratitude to the kind-hearted donor.

Mr. Dickinson is a strong supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He attends the Congregational church. We are happy to present herewith an excellent portrait of this philanthropic citizen.



**S**YLVESTER H. TAYLOR, a practical and prosperous member of the agricultural community, and a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Granby, first saw the light on the farm he now occupies, May 5, 1833. His father, Chester Taylor, was a lifelong farmer; and, with the exception of a short time spent in Southampton, pursued his independent vocation on the family homestead. He married Eunice Strong, a native of Southampton, and of the union nine children were born, namely: Dexter S., deceased; Lydia, who lived to the age of seventy-nine years; Job S., a resident of Lake County, Ohio; Thankful, now living in Ludlow, Mass.; Susan, who resides in Granby; William, deceased; Andrew J., deceased; Charles Henry of Granby; and Sylvester H. Neither of the parents is now living, the father having passed away August 4, 1854, and the mother ten years later.

Sylvester H. Taylor, the subject of this sketch, enjoyed but limited educational advantages, having been obliged from his early boyhood to assist in the manual labor incidental to life on a farm. However, in this way he received a practical training in the occupation that was to be his life work. In May, 1861, he married Miss Caroline F. Boynton, a daughter of Emery Boynton, and a native of Pelham, this county. Mr. Taylor brought his

bride directly to the old homestead, and continued in the calling to which he was reared. On August 25, 1862, inspired by patriotic motives, he enlisted, under Captain William Perkins, in company H of the Fifty-second Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, then commanded by Colonel H. S. Greenleaf. With his regiment he took part in many engagements, including those at Irish Bend, La., and at Port Hudson. The term of his enlistment having expired, Mr. Taylor received his discharge August 14, 1863, and at once returned home. He was much debilitated at that time, and has never fully recovered his health since. His farm is a fine property, consisting of one hundred and thirty acres of fertile land, and in excellent cultivation. The greater part of the improvements have been made by him, and are convincing testimony of the perseverance and energy that have created them.

Of his marriage with Mrs. Taylor there have been born seven children, all of whom are well educated, some having completed their school life at the seminary in South Hadley. Their record is as follows: Edwin B., residing in Swampscott, Mass.; William, now deceased, formerly an employee of the Adams Express Company; Leon, living near the home farm; Jennie, a teacher in the school at Granby Centre; Homer, assisting on the farm; Carrie L.; and Mabel. Mr. Taylor has always had a pioneer's liking for the chase, and in former years made a reputation for killing foxes. He is a stanch member of the Republican party, is prominent in local affairs, and faithfully and acceptably served in various offices, having been Assessor, Road Supervisor, and seven years a Selectman of Granby. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 183, of South Hadley Falls. In religious belief both he and his wife are Congregationalists.

CHARLES EDWARD CLARK, a well-educated and progressive citizen of Northampton, who has a fine farm in the Seventh Ward, near Leeds, was born on the farm where he resides in 1857, son of Edward L. and Artemesia (Whitney) Clark. He represents the fourth generation of his family born in Northampton, and the third born on this farm.

His great-grandfather, Calvin Clark, who was born on Elm Street, February 21, 1770, was one of the first settlers of this part of the town, taking a tract of timber land about the year 1792, when the district was sparsely inhabited and was mostly primitive forest land. There he established a homestead, which is still in possession of the family. Deacon Enos and Deacon Luther Clark, prominent citizens in the early days of Northampton, were his brothers. On February 9, 1792, Calvin Clark was united in marriage with Lucy Parsons; and their eldest child was Justin, born June 7, 1794, the grandfather of Charles Edward Clark. The other children were as follows: Dexter, born July 15, 1795, a mason residing in Northampton, who died about 1882; Lewis and Lucy, twins, born in 1798, the former of whom died in infancy, and the latter became the wife of Arby Stacey, of Belchertown, and died in 1834; Calvin, born in 1802, who died in 1880; Fanny, born in 1804, who died at the age of sixteen; Laura, born in 1808, who died in 1879. Justin Clark, the grandfather of our subject, spent his life on the farm cleared by his father, dying May 17, 1880, in his eighty-sixth year. In 1822 he married Fanny Parsons, sister of the octogenarian, Josiah Parsons, who lives on Bridge Street, Northampton. She died in January, 1881, well advanced in her eighty-sixth year; and her husband followed her to their last home on the 19th of the next May. Two children

brightened their home: Edward L., born in October, 1823, the father of Charles Edward; and Elijah P., born in 1827, who died in his twenty-third year, unmarried.

Edward L. Clark, like his father, spent his life on the home farm, winning a good livelihood from the generous soil, and finding ample food for his mind within the limits of Northampton. He was married in October, 1852, to Artemesia Whitney, of Ohio, daughter of Josiah and Almira (Ellsworth) Whitney, who was born in 1828. Her father was a native of Connecticut, her mother of Ohio; and they were married in the latter State. They were both over eighty at the time of their death. Mrs. Clark is the fifth of seven children, five sons and two daughters, and is the oldest of the three living, Charles M. and Mary D. being the other two. Her family furnished its quota in defence of the Union, one brother, a soldier in the Thirty-seventh Illinois Regiment, dying of disease contracted in the army, and Charles M., who was in the One Hundred and Seventh Ohio Regiment, serving over three years and receiving a serious wound. He is now living in Ohio. F. J. Whitney, a leading farmer in Rock Island County, Illinois, was a prominent man in his district, serving as Justice of the Peace, Postmaster, and in other official capacities. He died in 1882, at the age of sixty-six. Mrs. Clark is living at the old home with her son, very active in mind and body, though not very strong. She reared two children: Charles Edward, the subject of this sketch; and Mary A., wife of John Phinney, of Haydenville.

Charles Edward Clark attended the district schools, acquiring there a fair amount of book knowledge, at the same time acquiring that knowledge of nature and natural laws that a country boy absorbs as a sponge does water. Being the only son, he became master of the

homestead at his father's death, and for some years has been engaged in general farming, making a specialty of dairying and sending milk to the creamery. He keeps from twenty to twenty-five cows, and has a large well-equipped barn, which was built in 1882. The house in which he resides was erected by his father over forty years ago, and the boards in the dining-room floor have been in use over one hundred years, having done service in the floor of the east room in the old house of the great-grandfather.

Mr. Clark was married January 1, 1890, to Nancy Belle, daughter of Albert E. and Mary A. (Parks) Wright. The latter died in 1894, leaving besides Mrs. Clark one other daughter and a son: Sarah, wife of E. B. Gibbs, of North Blandford, Mass.; and Lyman E., who lives in Chester on the farm with his father. Mrs. Clark is a refined and well-educated lady, a graduate of Leicester Academy, and was a teacher for some time before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Clark had one son, who died in infancy. Mr. Clark is an independent voter. He served on the Board of Aldermen in 1890. He has some advanced ideas respecting city government. Mrs. Clark is a member of the Congregational church at Williamsburg. They have an ideal home, roomy and well-kept, and may be regarded as representative types of Northampton's best citizens.

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**S**UMNER O. POLLEY, who is successfully engaged in and owns a prosperous tobacco store in the town of Amherst, was born in New Salem, Mass., July 12, 1825, and is a son of Amos and Jerusha (Sawyer) Polley.

Amos Polley, who originally came from Ashburnham, Mass., conducted a grist-mill for a time, and in connection therewith he also en-

gaged in the trade of a cooper, which he had followed for some time in North New Salem. He next turned his attention to getting out palm leaf for hats, at which he was employed in Mossville for about four years. Later he purchased a farm in Pelham, on which the last years of his life were calmly spent in the cultivation of the soil. He was liberal in religious matters, and in politics a Democrat. He died in Pelham at fifty-nine years of age, while his wife lived to eighty-five years of age. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: Annie, Amos, Hiram, Abbie, Jerusha, Sumner O., George, James, and Adeline.

Sumner O. Polley, who is now the only child living, spent his early years in the towns of Pelham and New Salem. He lived on the old farm until he was seventeen years of age, when he went to Northampton and obtained employment in a palm-leaf shop. After giving three years to that business he tried his fortune in several places, but finally, in 1844, settled in Amherst. Here he carried on a restaurant at first; then he started his present business, that of tobacco, cigars, and smokers' articles. The stand he occupies has been his for many years, during which time his property has been twice destroyed by fire, first on March 13, 1876, and next on March 13, 1888.

He was married on October 20, 1847, to Miss Marah Brown, who was born in Conway, Franklin County, Mass., on February 21, 1830, and is a daughter of Erastus Brown, of that place. She has borne her husband two children, Gorham F. and Marah P. Mr. Polley is a Democrat. He is not a believer in any particular religious creed. His wife, however, is a communicant of the Congregational church. Mr. Polley is one of the oldest business men of Amherst; and, as he has always lived in that vicinity, he has a large circle of

friends and acquaintances. The family reside in a comfortable home which is Mr. Polley's property.

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**H**ENRY C. COMINS, a widely known and successful farmer of North Hadley, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Leverett, Franklin County, April 11, 1837, son of Simon F. and Nancy T. (Sweet) Comins. Mr. Comins's father was a native of Worcester County, and followed farming and lumbering throughout his life. He was engaged in the latter occupation for some time in the State of Maine, moving later to Franklin County, Massachusetts, where he resided until 1841, when he purchased a farm in Russellville, Hampshire County, upon which he passed the remainder of his life, and died in December, 1875. Simon F. Comins was prominent in the public affairs of the county, was an Assessor of the town of Hadley, and held other positions of trust. His wife, whom he married while residing in the State of Maine, was a native of Attleboro, Mass.; and she became the mother of four children, as follows: James, who is a prosperous farmer of South Hadley; Nancy, who married R. M. Montague, of North Hadley, and is now dead; Henry C., the subject of this sketch; and Martha A., who married E. P. Hibbard, and resides in Holyoke. She died in December, 1879.

Henry C. Comins commenced his education in the public schools, and completed his studies at the Hopkins Academy in Hadley and Kimball Union Academy of Meriden, N.H. He adopted agriculture as an occupation, which he followed until 1862. On August 25 of that year he enlisted as a private in Company H, Fifty-second Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, under Colonel H. S. Greenleaf and Captain William Perkins, for nine months'

service in the Civil War. He participated in the battle of Franklin and the siege of Port Hudson, and received his discharge in Greenfield, Mass., on August 14, 1863. After following agricultural work in Hampshire County for one year he moved to his present farm in North Hadley, consisting of twenty-six acres, twenty acres of which were under cultivation at the time of purchase. Among other improvements effected by him since were additions to the present residence. He has also brought the land to a high state of fertility.

In 1858 Mr. Comins was united in marriage to Harriet Ellen Smith. She was born in North Hadley, September 12, 1837, daughter of Horace and Mary (Belden) Smith, both of whom passed their lives in that town. Mr. and Mrs. Comins had three children. William H., the eldest and only survivor, was born in 1859, and is a graduate of the State Agricultural College at Amherst. He is now engaged in agriculture in North Hadley. He married Cornelia K. Lombard, and has three children: Henry Earl, John Orin, and Leroy Duncan. The other children were Carrie H. and Lowell Smith, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Comins died March 21, 1893. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Mr. Comins is a stanch Republican, and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has been active in forwarding the interests of his party, and has filled many positions of public trust with credit, both to himself and his constituents. He has been a member of the School Board for fifteen years, and is now its chairman. For three years he was a member of the State Board of Agriculture, and in 1894 represented his district in the legislature. He held the office of President of the Hampshire Agricultural Society for three years, and is Vice-President of the Hampshire, Franklin,

and Hampden Agricultural Society, which is one of the largest organizations of its kind in the State. He is also a member of the Franklin Harvest Club, a select organization composed of the leading men of the Connecticut valley. He is a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was the first Commander of Edward M. Stanton Post, No. 147, of Amherst, Mass. Hon. Henry C. Comins has attained his present position through his own unaided efforts.

**W**ILLIAM CLAPP POMEROY, of Northampton, pattern-maker for the Norwood Engineering Company of Florence, was born at Williamsburg, July 4, 1835. He is a son of William H. and Nancy (Pomeroy) Clapp, his father having been a native of Northampton, while his mother was a daughter of William Pomeroy, of Williamsburg. He was the eldest son and second-born of six children. All are living except one son, Sidney S., who was a volunteer in the Thirty-first Massachusetts Regiment during the Civil War, and who, after serving for a period of two years, returned home and died of consumption at the age of twenty-three years. Mr. Pomeroy and his brother, Frank Clark Clapp, were also volunteers, having enlisted in the Fifty-second Regiment for nine months, and saw one year of active service during the memorable struggle. Mr. Pomeroy's sisters, Ellen A., wife of Frank H. Strong, and Caroline L., wife of Samuel A. Clark, reside at the old Pomeroy homestead. The property was first taken possession of by their great-grandfather. Their grandfather, who had six daughters, but no male heir, left it to William Pomeroy Clapp, who, on that account, by a special act of the legislature in 1849, changed his name to William Clapp Pomeroy. His grand-

father's wife before her marriage was Rachel Edwards, of Chesterfield, Mass. They were both members of the Congregational church, of which he was for many years a Deacon. He died at the age of eighty-two years, and his wife at seventy-five.

Mr. Pomeroy's parents resided near the old homestead during their entire married life. His father died there at the age of sixty-one years, and his mother at about the same age, four years later. Of his paternal ancestors, grandfather Sereno Clapp, a native of Northampton, was a blacksmith by trade. By his marriage with Lydia Patterson, of Rhode Island, he had three sons and one daughter, and died at the age of sixty-one years.

Mr. Pomeroy received his education in the common schools of Williamsburg. At the age of fifteen he engaged in farm labor both at Sunderland and Westfield for about two years. He then served an apprenticeship at Holyoke to the machinist's trade for three years. After this, in company with a friend, he started West, working his way to Ohio, thence through Michigan and Wisconsin to Oronoco, Minn. Here he worked as carpenter until 1859, when he returned to his home.

On January 1, 1861, he was united in marriage to Miss Susan A. Newcomb, of Leyden, daughter of Charles W. Newcomb. Of their five sons, three are still living. William Newcomb, a salesman, passed to spirit life May 29, 1887, at the age of twenty-five; and Charles S., a mechanic, on January 19, 1888, in his twenty-fourth year. Henry W. Pomeroy is a pattern-maker at Florence; Frank S. also follows the business of his father; and Edward S., who is a thorough mechanic and an able draughtsman, is in the employ of the Norwood Company.

Mr. Pomeroy has advanced in Masonry to the Commandery. He is also Past Master of

Jerusalem Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and a Past High Priest of Northampton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He was the first Commander of William L. Baker Post, Grand Army of the Republic, for a period of four years, and served upon the staff of Commander-in-chief William Warner. The family are Spiritualists, his late son, Charles S., having had the reputation of being a wonderful seer among the brethren. The family occupy a very pleasant residence at 102 Crescent Street, Northampton, which Mr. Pomeroy erected in 1888.

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**J**OSEPHUS CRAFTS, a venerable and well-known citizen of Northampton, until recently President of the Hampshire County Savings Bank, and a man of sterling character, was born in Deerfield, Franklin County, Mass., March 2, 1810. The progenitor of the Crafts family in America is said, by tradition, to have come over from England in the "Mayflower." His name is not found in Hotten's list of the Pilgrims of 1620; but he may have been a passenger in a subsequent voyage, that historic vessel, it is claimed by students of Colonial history, having brought emigrants to these shores in 1629 and 1630. Savage's Genealogical Dictionary says that Griffin Crafts came in 1630 in the fleet with Winthrop—tradition again says, in the "Arbella." (See sketch of David W. Crafts on another page of this volume.)

Chester Crafts, father of Josephus Crafts, was born in Whately, Franklin County, Mass., in 1783, and was the son of a farmer in moderate circumstances. He died in Deerfield on September 27, 1827, on the day on which his brother Roswell was buried, his own summons to depart coming very suddenly and unexpectedly while his family were attending the funeral, at which he himself, though in feeble

health, had thought to be present. Like his father, he was a farmer. He married Phila Jewett, of Deerfield; and to them nine children were born, five sons and four daughters, of whom Josephus is the eldest. Four sons and one daughter are now living: David W., in Northampton; Roswell P., in Holyoke; Albert, in Ashfield; and the sister, Sylvia, widow of Alvin Field, in Northampton. Mrs. Phila J. Crafts lived to be nearly ninety years of age, dying in Northampton at the home of her son David.

Josephus Crafts when but a lad of nine years left his home to go to that of Russell Cooley, a large farmer of Deerfield. Here he lived for nine years, working hard most of the time and getting but a very meagre schooling, so that, when he started out at eighteen to win his way in the world, his capital consisted chiefly of his health and energy. Walking to Greenfield, he let himself to Spencer Root, a hotel-keeper and stage proprietor, as hostler. He soon began to drive stage, and one year later, when the mail contract changed hands, engaged to drive for another party. He drove stage for about five years on the Ashfield road, and in the course of that time met his fate and married. Mr. Crafts next bought the stage route, which he ran for seven or eight years, when he established himself in business at Ashfield as a dealer in dry goods and West India goods, including rum, which was a staple in those days. And the marvel is that Mr. Crafts never drank a glass of rum, nor did he smoke, though his father was a veteran smoker, his one experience when a boy, from which he was deathly sick, proving sufficient. Mr. Crafts carried on this business for about six years in connection with a small farm. On leaving Ashfield, about thirty years ago, he came to Northampton. His first purchase of real estate here was the lot on which the



JOSEPHUS CRAFTS.



Hampshire House now stands, this block having been erected by him in 1870. He also bought another lot back of it, which he sold at a handsome profit. Although people doubted his wisdom in purchasing this property, it has proved a good investment, bringing him in a yearly rent of from eighteen hundred to twenty-four hundred dollars. Since coming to Northampton Mr. Crafts has done little business aside from making loans and settling estates, of which, as administrator, executor, trustee, or assignee, he has had charge of one hundred and twenty-one, some in Greenfield, but most of them in Northampton, and some of them reaching far into the thousands, showing the confidence in which he has always been held by his fellow-men. Mr. Crafts has been one of the organizers of several different banks, three in Holyoke, one in Conway, and one in Shelburne Falls. The Hampshire County Savings Bank was started in Northampton about thirty years ago; and about twelve years ago, when Luther Bodman, the president, died, Mr. Crafts became his successor, and filled the place most faithfully up to the summer of 1895, when he voluntarily retired.

Mr. Crafts married Roxie D., daughter of Lyman Cross, for many years landlord of a stage house on the Ashfield road. Mr. and Mrs. Crafts reared to adult life two of the seven daughters born to them and one son. Their only living child now is Harriet L., wife of Joshua H. Fraser, of Holyoke, and mother of a son and a daughter. Mrs. Fraser's sister, Frances E., wife of Henry C. Hallett, died in Northampton in the fall of 1894, at the age of forty-two, leaving four children, one daughter and three sons.

In political affiliation Mr. Crafts is a firm Democrat and has served on some of the committees. Mr. and Mrs. Crafts are members of the Edwards Congregational Church. This

exemplary couple have enjoyed sixty-two years of wedded life, a rare experience; and both are still in comfortable health. Their home is at 71 Market Street, where they settled within three years of coming to Northampton, which they have seen grow from a village of about five thousand inhabitants to its present population of some eighteen thousand. The accompanying portrait of Mr. Josephus Crafts will be recognized and appreciated by many friends.

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**H**ENRY N. SMITH, a successful agriculturalist of South Hadley, was born in that town, September 7, 1826, son of Nelson and Rebecca (Smith) Smith. Mr. Smith's grandparents were Josiah and Phebe (Nash) Smith, the former of whom was born in Hampshire County, December 6, 1761. He moved to Vermont, where he followed agriculture for a time, but eventually returned to Massachusetts, and died in South Hadley at the age of eighty-four. His wife, who was born in Granby, Mass., January 14, 1769, died in 1846.

Nelson Smith, Mr. Smith's father, was born in Brookfield, Vt., May 18, 1801. He came to South Hadley when a young man, and successfully engaged in agriculture until his death, which occurred in 1879. His wife became the mother of five children, as follows: Harriet L., who died in infancy; Henry N., the subject of this sketch; William, who resides with his children in South Hadley; Jennie, who married J. E. Kellogg, and is now deceased; and Clara L., who married for her first husband Samuel Judd, and for her second J. E. Kellogg, and is now a widow residing in Holyoke. The mother died in 1882.

Henry N. Smith was educated in the schools of South Hadley and was reared to farm life. He resided with his parents until after his

marriage, when he purchased his present farm, which consists of about fifty acres of well-located land, twenty of which are under cultivation. He has improved his property as rapidly as circumstances would permit, and now possesses a valuable farm, which he conducts with good results. He was formerly a Whig in politics, but has supported the Republican party since its formation.

On April 8, 1856, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Mary D. Cook, who was born in Hadley, February 12, 1829, daughter of Winthrop and Sophia (Smith) Cook. Mrs. Smith's parents are now dead. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children, namely: Mary, who married John Barstow, and resides in Hadley; and Arthur N., who married Clara E. Montague, and resides in Holyoke. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Congregational church.

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**M**ELVIN L. GRAVES, senior member of the firm of M. L. & M. W. Graves, dealers in grain, flour, feed, etc., in Northampton, was born in South Leverett, Mass., September 17, 1847. He is of English extraction, being a lineal descendant of Admiral Thomas Graves, who came from England some time during the 1630's, and settled on the peninsula of Mishawum, now called Charlestown, in Massachusetts. It is probable that this emigrant ancestor is the Thomas Graves recently alluded to by B. F. DeCosta, in the *New England Magazine*, in stating that the Sprague brothers, going from Salem to Mishawum in 1629, were accompanied by an engineer, one Thomas Graves, who proceeded to there lay out a town.

After a few generations the descendants of the said Thomas Graves began to settle in other sections of Massachusetts. Daniel

Graves, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, removed to Franklin County with his wife, a native of Dublin, N.H., whose maiden name was Phœbe Mason. He settled in the town of Leverett, buying a farm on which he worked during seed-time and harvest. He also manufactured agricultural implements when there was water enough in the stream to run his factory. When he died is not recorded. His wife, who bore him three children, one son and two daughters, died in 1865, aged sixty-five years.

Cyrus M. Graves, the father of Melvin L. Graves, was born in Leverett. He had a natural aptitude for the trade of a mechanic, and worked for several years in his father's shop. When nineteen years old he embarked in the manufacture of hoes, rakes, etc., building up a large business in the town of North Leverett. He was skilled in all branches of his business, and a very ingenious workman. He was the first man to fasten the nib on a scythe snath with a screw. In 1854, in the month of October, he moved to Northampton to take charge of the factory of the Bay State Manufacturing Company, and remained in that position until the firm failed. In 1857 he went to Columbus, Ohio, where he had charge of the shops at the State Penitentiary for four years. Returning then with his family to his home and property in this city, he became an employee of the gun and cutlery works here until within two years of the time of his death, which occurred at his home on Washington Avenue, January 12, 1886.

The maiden name of his wife was Jane Gunn, a native of Montague, being the daughter of Samuel Gunn. She and her daughter, Lucy J., still occupy the old home. She has reared five children, as follows: Myron W., who is in business with the subject; Melvin L.; C. M., a railway freight clerk in North-

ampton; Lucy J., a teacher; and Herbert R., book-keeper for the firm of M. L. & M. W. Graves, and a dealer in bicycles.

Melvin L. Graves attended the high school in Columbus, Ohio, and after returning to Northampton studied at the high school here for a while. At the age of sixteen years he entered the gun works as an inspector of bayonets, remaining there three years. He left then to continue his studies in the Springfield Business College, later taking a post-graduate course there. He subsequently became book-keeper for Thayer & Sergeant, dealers in grain, flour, etc., including broom corn, continuing with them until the dissolution of the firm. Then, in October, 1875, forming a partnership with his brother Myron, he continued the business, renting the property for the first five years, and then purchasing the entire plant, including store and mill. The firm in this way established conducted an extensive and profitable business until March 27, 1894, when the entire plant was destroyed by a disastrous conflagration, involving a loss of thirty-five thousand dollars, partially covered by an insurance of thirty thousand dollars. Since that time the firm has carried on business in temporary quarters, pending the decision of the grade crossing question.

Mr. Graves was united in marriage October 18, 1870, with Miss Annie L. Leonard, of this city, the youngest child of the late Archellas and Emeline (Alvord) Leonard, the latter of whom is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard were the parents of five children, as follows: Henry, a volunteer in the late Civil War, who died at the age of twenty years; Sarah, who died soon after the death of her brother; Chester, an employee of the government, residing in Hartford; Mary, married to Stephen D. Sprague, of this city; and Annie L., Mrs. Graves. Mr. and Mrs. Graves are

the parents of three children, as follows: Leonard M., a shoe dealer in Greenfield, carrying on an extensive business; Mabel G., who was graduated from the high school in 1894, living at home; and Myron H., a clever youth of fifteen years. Mr. Graves is very active and influential in political, social, and educational circles. He belongs to the Legion of Honor, of which he has been Treasurer since its organization, in 1880. He has also been a member of the Board of Education since the incorporation of the city, being the oldest member in point of service. He has been an elector and Auditor of the Smith Charities for several years. He has likewise been Treasurer of the Northampton Co-operative Bank since its establishment. Mr. and Mrs. Graves have a delightful home at 40 Washington Avenue, where they take genuine pleasure in welcoming their many friends, entertaining them with true New England hospitality.

Myron W. Graves was born in North Leverett, Mass., August 27, 1845, and has been in business with his brother Melvin since 1875. On December 6, 1871, he married Melvina E. Jepson, formerly of Ashfield, and one of three children born to the late George R. Jepson and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Leach. The other children were: Lyman A. Jepson, and Lewis E., deceased. Five children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Graves, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Lewis E., a carpenter of this place; Cyrus M., a plumber of Northampton; Edith M., an accomplished young lady; and Anna Marion, seven years old. In politics Mr. Graves, like his brother, is a stanch Republican, and has been a Council-man two years. Religiously, he is a valued and conscientious member of the Baptist church. He and his family occupy a pleas-

ant residence at 101 West Street, he having purchased the house before his marriage. They are much esteemed by their neighbors.

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**E**PAYSON LYMAN, a prominent citizen of Westhampton, Mass., where he is engaged in general farming, was born in the house he now occupies, May 27, 1834, son of Sereno and Deborah (James) Lyman. Sereno Lyman was born in the same house, February 2, 1788, and his wife was born in Chesterfield, Mass., December 6, 1789. His father, Rufus Lyman, was engaged in farming and stock-raising on this estate, and there he died June 6, 1807; and his mother, whose maiden name was Martha Burt, passed away August 1, 1827. They reared eleven children; namely, Jerusha, Asahel, Rufus, Martha, Enoch, Tryphena, Nancy, Sereno, James Harvey, John Burt, and Liberty.

Sereno Lyman, father of E. Payson Lyman, spent his entire life, with the exception of a few months, on the farm now owned by his son. In 1814 he was drafted for military service at Boston, and having received the rank of Sergeant returned to Westhampton at the end of two months. He was one of the most prominent farmers in the district. His death occurred December 26, 1877. Sereno Lyman was twice married. His first wife, to whom he was united September 16, 1813, was Mary Clark, of Southampton. She died January 13, 1818. She was the mother of two children: Asahel, who, born July 22, 1815, died September 11, 1856; and the other child died in infancy. His second wife, Deborah James, was the daughter of Thomas James, a native of Cohasset, born July 11, 1758. He was a sea captain, and spent part of his life in Chesterfield, Mass., and in Westhampton, dying in the latter place March 1, 1834. Mrs. Lyman

passed away September 6, 1868, in her seventy-ninth year. She was the mother of five children, namely: Sereno Dwight, born September 10, 1822, who was married September 5, 1849, to Lucy B. Williams, and died April 7, 1850; Mary C., born May 22, 1825, who died November 11, 1856; William James, born June 28, 1827, who lives near his brother, the subject of this sketch, and married Arethusa Parsons, who died December 29, 1886; Francis Oscar, born July 7, 1830, who was killed in a wind storm in Wisconsin, July 24, 1851; and E. Payson, the youngest of the family.

E. Payson Lyman was reared on the farm, and, as his father was lame, many of the duties requiring an active worker devolved upon him. His father bequeathed the homestead to him, and he has since been sole proprietor. One of many improvements made by him was the clearing of several acres of timber. It is now one of the best farms in the county, and comprises about three hundred and fifty acres, forty of which are under cultivation.

In politics Mr. Lyman is a stanch Republican. He has served as Selectman and filled other offices, but has refused several positions offered to him, not caring to act further in a public capacity. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist, and takes an active interest in church work. Westhampton boasts many old families, and Mr. Lyman's is one of the oldest among them, while he is personally a worthy representative of a sturdy race.

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**E**UGENE G. KELLEY, an enterprising and successful merchant of Greenwich and Postmaster of that town, was born in Greenwich, January 25, 1857, son of George S. and Delia S. (Edson) Kelley.

Mr. Kelley's great-grandfather, George Kelley, who was born December 23, 1755, was the original ancestor of the family to locate in Greenwich. He followed agriculture as an occupation during his entire life, and died in Greenwich, December 14, 1819. His wife, Hoxia Kelley, became the mother of nine children: Rebecca, Rhoda, Sampson, Elias, Olive, Sylvia, Chloe, Seth, and Smith. She died August 30, 1826. Smith Kelley, Mr. Kelley's grandfather, was a resident in Greenwich from the time when he was a young man until his death. He owned a good farm in the north-west part of the town, which he conducted successfully. He died at the age of seventy-eight years. He married for his first wife Caroline Titus, who died in 1832, leaving one son, George S. His second wife was Lydia Childs, and she became the mother of three children, namely: Adelia C., who died at the age of thirty-two; Sophia, who became Mrs. Sly, and is now living in Athol, Mass.; and Mary, who died aged eighteen. Smith Kelley's second wife died September 23, 1879.

George S. Kelley, Mr. Kelley's father, was born in Greenwich, March 9, 1832. During his childhood he received injuries which crippled him for life; and when a young man he learned the trade of a shoemaker, which he followed as an occupation for some time. In 1862 he moved to Greenwich Plains, where he purchased a small farm of four acres, and, relinquishing his trade, devoted his time and attention to market gardening, in which he became very successful. He erected a substantial residence and other buildings; and his barn, which he built in 1890, is one of the finest in that part of the town. By judicious management he made his small property pay so well that he was able to invest in land in different parts of Greenwich, and this he devoted to the cultivation of grain. He also

engaged quite extensively in dairying. He continued to reside upon the original four-acre farm, however, and passed the remainder of his life there. He died May 21, 1892. In his religious views he was liberal, and in politics he was a stanch Republican. His wife, Delia S. Edson before marriage, who was born in Hartford, Conn., August 4, 1837, was a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Towne) Edson. Her father was a native of New Braintree, Mass.; and his parents were Elijah and Nancy (Barr) Edson, the former of whom was also born there. Elijah Edson raised a family of eight children: Marshall, Sally, Lucinda, Cordelia, Lorinda, Harvey, Samuel, and Nancy. Samuel Edson, father of Mrs. George S. Kelley, was a prosperous farmer, a Republican in politics, and spent the greater part of his active life in Greenwich, where he died at the age of forty-three. His wife, Sarah Towne in her maidenhood, was a native of Greenwich; and her parents, Jonathan and Betsey (Stratton) Towne, raised a family of six children, who were named: Jonathan, Truman, Eliza, Rufus, Orrin, and Sarah. Samuel and Sarah (Towne) Edson, Mrs. George S. Kelley's parents, raised a family of five children, as follows: Delia; Harriet A.; Julia M.; Ella M.; and Clarence P., who is no longer living. The children of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Kelley are as follows: Eugene G., the subject of this sketch; Lillian H., who was born February 3, 1859, and resides at home; and Nellie M., who was born June 2, 1862, and is now employed in her brother's store. The mother is still living, and is engaged in carrying on the farm.

Eugene G. Kelley was educated in the schools of his native town, and at an early age commenced to assist his father in farming and gardening. He continued in that occupation until 1884, at which time he began a mercan-

tile business in Greenwich Plains. He now conducts a general country store, in which he carries a large and varied stock of merchandise. His aim is to sell the best quality of goods at nominal prices. He has created for himself an enviable business reputation, and is a very successful merchant. He also does a large business in the buying and selling of country produce. He is actively interested in church work. He is a Republican in politics, and in 1884 was appointed Postmaster, a position which he has since filled with marked ability.

On May 25, 1881, Mr. Kelley was united in marriage to Carrie Lyman, his first wife. She was born in Granby, Mass., daughter of George J. Lyman, who resides in Hartford, Conn. She died November 18, 1892, leaving four children, as follows: Lewis S., who was born June 25, 1882; Ambrose, born April 17, 1884; Marion, born January 22, 1886; and Raymond, born May 28, 1888. His second wife, whom he wedded June 6, 1894, was before marriage Cora E. Hunter. She was born in Waterbury, Conn., daughter of George L. and Susan E. (Wheeler) Hunter.

George L. Hunter was born in Prescott, Mass., February 9, 1847, son of William J. and Hannah (Shaw) Hunter. Mr. Hunter's grandfather, William Hunter, was an early settler in Prescott, where he became a prosperous farmer and resided for many years. His latter years were passed in Hardwick, Mass., where he died at an advanced age. He was the father of six children, two of whom are still living; namely, Mrs. Ann Root and Mrs. Fanny Smith, both residing in Greenwich.

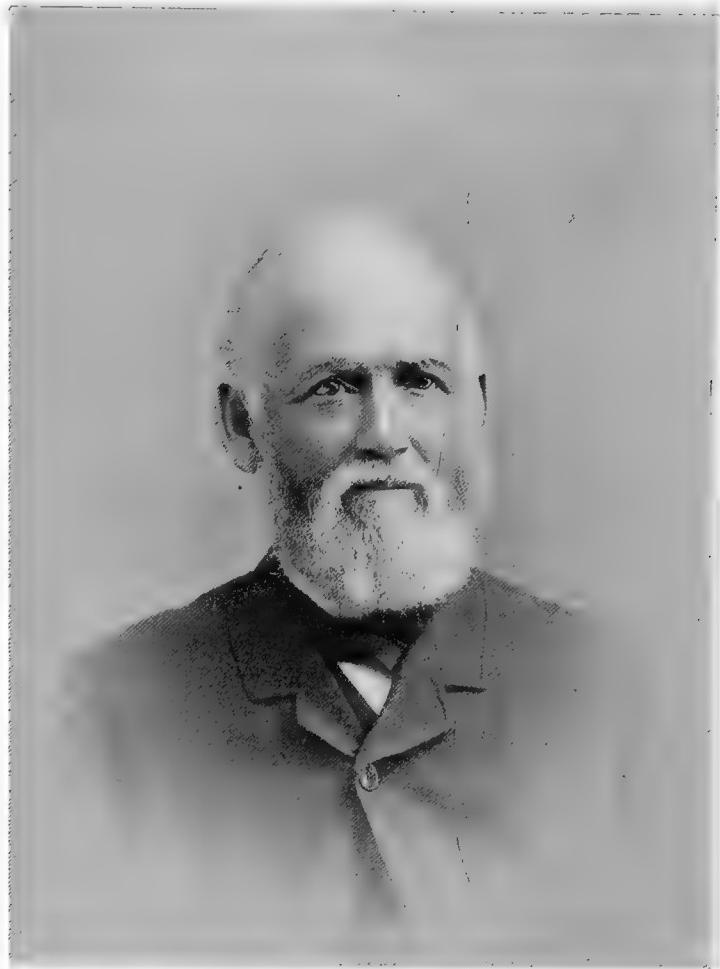
William J. Hunter, Mr. Hunter's father, was born in Prescott in 1817, and was a life-long resident of that town. He was a successful farmer and stock dealer, making a specialty of importing Canadian horses. He was a well-known and energetic business man, and owned

a good farm, which he cultivated with satisfactory results during the active period of his life. He was a Republican in politics. His wife, Hannah Shaw in maidenhood, who was born in Prescott, April 25, 1819, became the mother of five children, two of whom are now living, namely: Eliza, wife of Austin Jamison, a resident of Prescott; and George L., who is the youngest.

George L. Hunter was educated in the schools of Prescott; and at the age of eighteen he began farming upon his own account, in which he continued for three years. He then went to Greenfield, where he engaged in the fish business for a time; and from there he went to Waterbury, Conn., where he remained for one year. He then returned to Prescott; and, after spending some time in farming, he was employed in a bucket factory in Swanzey, N.H., for seven years. He next resided for a short time in Natick, Mass.; and in 1885 he returned to Prescott, where he has since lived. He engaged in selling tinware upon the road for a time; and in 1889 he built a blacksmith shop, which he has since conducted with profit. He resides upon the old Hunter farm in Prescott, employing assistants to carry it on. He is also engaged in handling agricultural implements and standard fertilizers, and, in company with his son, conducts a general mercantile business in Prescott.

Mr. Hunter was married in May, 1868, to Susan E. Wheeler, of Prescott, daughter of Thomas and Susan Wheeler, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer. Mrs. Hunter's parents are no longer living. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter have two children, namely: Charles H., who is in mercantile business in Prescott; and Cora E., who is now Mrs. Eugene G. Kelley. Mr. Hunter is an active and able business man, and is now enjoying a well-earned prosperity. He is a Republican





DAVID W. CRAFTS.

in politics, and is at present serving as Tax Collector.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelley possess a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and socially they are very popular in the community.

**D**AVID WHITE CRAFTS, superintendent of the Northampton Gas Light Company, is an old and honored resident of the city, having, with the exception of seven years spent in Eastern Massachusetts, lived here since 1834. For thirty-five years he has been connected with the gas works, being its President, a stockholder, a Director, and the superintendent at the present time. He was born February 17, 1821, in the town of Whately (in that portion known as the straits), Franklin County, his father, Chester Crafts, having been born in the same town in 1783.

Mr. Crafts traces his ancestry to Lieutenant Griffin Crafts, who came to Massachusetts in 1630, and was the first of the name to settle on American soil. He made his home in Roxbury. The line of descent is as follows: Griffin, John, Thomas, John, Thomas, Joseph, Chester, David White—the subject of the present sketch being of the eighth generation from the emigrant. The Genealogy of the Crafts family, in which the original name is spelled Craft or Kraft, an octavo volume of eight hundred and three pages, was compiled by James M. Crafts, of Orange, and William F. Crafts, of Boston Highlands, and printed in Northampton in 1893, Mr. David W. Crafts being the president of the association while the work was in preparation.

Joseph Crafts was born November 6, 1745, in Hatfield, Mass., and died October 18, 1815. He served in the Revolutionary War, and afterward devoted his time to tilling the

soil. He married Mrs. Roxana White, daughter of Gideon and Mary (Parsons) Warner, her father also having been a Revolutionary soldier and in many of the important battles of that war. Grandfather Crafts settled in Whately, and was noted as being a great pedestrian. His last walking trip, taken when seventy years of age, a short time before his decease, was from Boston to Whately, a distance of ninety-eight miles, which he accomplished in two days. He and his wife had a family of ten children, six sons and four daughters.

Chester Crafts, son of Joseph, was reared to pioneer life, and assisted in improving a farm from the wilderness in which his parents located. In 1809, on March 16, he was united in marriage with Phila Jewett, a daughter of Reuben Jewett, who moved from the eastern part of the State to Deerfield at an early day, and there reared his family. Nine children were born into their household, and of these five are now living: Josephus; Sylvia, widow of Alvin S. Field; David White; Roswell P., of Holyoke; and Albert W., a merchant and farmer in Ashfield. The father died of consumption, September 27, 1827; and the mother subsequently married again, and lived to the ripe old age of eighty-nine years, dying July 2, 1880, at the home of her son, David W.

David W. Crafts attended school rather irregularly from the age of five years until sixteen, his schooling ranging from six weeks to four months a year, in the typical district school-house. This rude log structure, with a huge fireplace occupying nearly the whole of one end of the building, the floors being of puncheon, the window-panes probably of greased paper, was in marked contrast to the well-equipped buildings of this day and generation. David was but six years old when his father died, and the large family of chil-

dren were scattered. He spent his early life in Whately, Deerfield, Montague, Holyoke, and Northampton. In 1843 he went to Boston, where he stayed six years, being prosperously engaged as a hairdresser on Court Square; but the salt breezes from old ocean were trying to his lungs, which were never very strong. On his return to Northampton Mr. Crafts engaged in mercantile pursuit. He accepted his present position in 1861, as before stated, and has faithfully performed its duties since.

On May 11, 1841, Mr. Crafts was married to Wealthy C. Munyan, a native of this city, daughter of Joseph Munyan, a carpenter of Boston and Northampton, and the father of twelve children, of whom two are now living, namely: Mrs. F. A. Willey, a widow residing in Pittsfield; and Mrs. George Chapin, of this place. Three children were born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Crafts, but they all with their mother have passed from their earthly home to the more perfect life beyond. The eldest, Edward C. Crafts, born in 1842, died in this city in 1874, leaving a widow and two sons, who have since lived with Mr. Crafts; Gertrude Eliza died at the age of three years; and Louisa Elizabeth, an accomplished young lady, died at the age of twenty-four years. Mrs. Crafts died of heart failure on May 31, 1895, after an ideal wedded life of upward of half a century, she and her husband having celebrated their silver wedding in 1866, and their golden wedding on the 11th of May, 1891. Although free from superstition, the old tradition that May marriages are unfortunate has been brought to the notice of Mr. Crafts and his family, as three of the deaths therein have occurred during that month, his son's on May 12, one daughter's May 13. Mr. Crafts has a pleasant home at No. 23 Crafts Avenue, where he settled in 1872.

In Masonic circles Mr. Crafts is very active and prominent, having taken the thirty-second degree, and being Past Master of Jerusalem Lodge, Past High Priest of Northampton Royal Arch Chapter, Past King of the Massachusetts Grand Chapter, and a Past Eminent Commander of the Northampton Commandery, and Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Red Men, belonging to the Daughters of Pocahontas, and a member of the Delphi Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and is a Knight of Pythias. Politically, he is an advocate of the principles of the Democratic party. For many years he has been a communicant of the Episcopal church, and he has served much of the time as Vestryman. An excellent likeness of Mr. David W. Crafts will be noticed on the page opposite the beginning of this brief biography.

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**J**OHN W. BRADBURN, a prosperous farmer of Worthington, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Manchester, N.Y., April 14, 1828, son of James and Delancy (Smith) Bradburn. Mr. Bradburn's father was born in Massachusetts, of Irish ancestry. He was a sailor in early manhood, but finally relinquished the sea and engaged in farming. He was twice married. The children of his first marriage are George and James; and those of his second marriage are: John W., the subject of this sketch; and Anson W., who is a machinist and resides in Preston, Minn.

John W. Bradburn was educated in the district schools, and resided with his parents until he reached the age of nineteen. Having been trained to farming, he followed that occupation for a time. Then he became a sailor, and made voyages to Africa and the south seas.

Abandoning sea life, he served for some time as a brakeman on the railroad between Bridgeport and Winsted, Conn., and afterward engaged in various kinds of work. In September, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, Forty-sixth Massachusetts Volunteers, which participated in the North Carolina campaign, and was present at the battles of Kingston, Whitehall, Goldsboro, and several minor engagements. While in Newbern he contracted a severe illness, which confined him to the hospital for two months, after which he was sent North, and received his discharge July 29, 1863. Mr. Bradburn has constantly suffered from poor health since, a result of his war experience. When partially restored, he resumed work, taking employment in a wood-turning shop. After spending two years at this he came to Worthington, where he purchased a farm consisting of forty acres, and has since resided there, dividing his time between agriculture and carpentering. He is a Republican in politics, while he is an unbeliever in any of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity.

On December 4, 1851, Mr. Bradburn was united in marriage to Sarah C. Morse. She was born in Dalton, Mass., August 4, 1833, daughter of Alonzo and Betsey C. (Thayer) Morse. Mrs. Bradburn's parents were natives of Massachusetts. Her father was a harness-maker by trade. He died December 30, 1881, aged seventy-nine years; and his wife died in October, 1889, at the same age. Mr. and Mrs. Bradburn have had seven children, as follows: Wallace J., who married Mary Etta Chandler, and resides in Chesterfield, Mass., where he is engaged as a basket-maker and a photographer; Martha Jane, who married Charles Markham, and resided in Pittsfield, Mass., died July 27, 1876; Marshall John, who is engaged in farming; Elva Maria, who

died July 7, 1879; Lura Amanda, who married Eugene Rhodes, and has six children; Flora Ellen, who wedded Alvin Buck, and died January 5, 1884; and Celia E., who died July 13, 1880.

Mrs. Bradburn is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Bradburn has made a special study of astronomy and navigation for the past forty years, much assisted by a fine telescope which he possesses. He takes much pleasure in conversing upon these subjects, regarding which he exhibits a remarkable knowledge.

**F**REDERICK NEWTON KNEELAND, Cashier of the First National Bank of Northampton, was born in that city on September 8, 1850, son of Isaac Newton and Frances Maria (Strong) Kneeland.

The Kneeland family were originally natives of Norway. They removed to Scotland in the tenth century; and in 1631 some of the descendants came to Salem, Mass., making the voyage, according to tradition, in a vessel laden with grain for the Pilgrims. Edward Kneeland, the great-great-grandfather of Frederick Newton Kneeland, was born about the year 1700. He removed from Boston to Royalton, Vt.; and there, when he was about eighty years of age, he and his sons, Joseph and Edward, were captured by the Indians. Joseph was killed; while Edward, who was then but eight years of age, was adopted by the savages and roamed with them over their hunting grounds during the next ten years. He was finally purchased from the Indians by a French trader, who took an interest in the boy and desired to adopt him. Some time after, he had settled in Hadley and was engaged in farming. He married Miss Elizabeth Peck, of Rehoboth, Mass.; and they reared four sons and three daughters, all of

whom lived to marry and have families. His son Joseph Kneeland, who was also a farmer, married Miss Lydia Champion, of West Springfield, who was born on December 20, 1791. After her death, which occurred on November 4, 1828, he married her sister, Lora Champion. Of his children the living are: Mrs. Laurietta Russell, of Amherst, Mass.; and Mrs. Josephine Stone, a widow, residing in Brooklyn, N.Y. His son, Isaac Newton Kneeland, died in 1860, when but forty years of age. He was at one time a clothing merchant in Northampton, and also followed the business of photographer. His wife, formerly Frances Maria Strong, to whom he was married on August 19, 1841, was born in Northampton on February 4, 1821, and was a daughter of Seth and Phœbe Strong. Seven children were born of their union, two sons and five daughters, of whom Frederick Newton Kneeland and two sisters reached adult life.

Frederick N. Kneeland acquired a good practical education. At fifteen years of age he left the high school to enter a jeweller's store as clerk, after which he worked for a time in a clothing store. In March, 1869, he secured a position as clerk in the First National Bank; and, beginning at the foot of the ladder, he has worked his way up, so that for the past eighteen years he has filled the position of Cashier with credit to himself and satisfaction to the patrons of the bank. He is also a man of literary ability, and has published a work on Northampton entitled, "Northampton, the Meadow City." On December 9, 1879, he was united in marriage with Miss Adelaide Frances Dyer, who was born at South Abington, Mass., on December 9, 1855. Their union has been blessed by three children, namely: Doris, born December 6, 1889, who died when she was but seventeen

months old; Mary Frances, born January 2, 1882; and Robert Strong, born April 26, 1883.

Mr. Kneeland is a faithful adherent of the Republican party. For over thirty years he has been a member of the Edwards Church, of which he has been Director and Treasurer. He also served as assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school for fifteen years, and has been superintendent for the past three years. In 1882 he purchased the four-acre lot on Paradise Road, near Elm Street, and erected the substantial brick house which has been the family residence since January 1, 1883.

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**E**RASTUS JAMES INGHAM, the enterprising proprietor of the old Ingham homestead in Middlefield, was born on June 10, 1828, son of Erastus John and Vesta (Dixon) Ingham. His paternal grandparents, Erastus and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Ingham, were both born in Connecticut. In the latter part of their married life they removed to Middlefield, Mass., and purchased the farm now owned by their grandson. The grandfather, besides being a successful agriculturist, devoted considerable attention to public affairs, and took an active interest in politics. He was well known and quite prominent, serving in various offices, among which may be mentioned that of Justice of the Peace and Representative to the State legislature.

Mr. Ingham's father was about twenty years of age when his parents settled in Middlefield. He, however, remained with them, helping in the cultivation of the farm. Upon his father's death he purchased the homestead and lived there for the remainder of his life. He confined his attention chiefly to his farm work, and was quite successful in his management.

His wife, Vesta Dixon, bore him six children, as follows: Milton, who married Miss Miletta Ballou, both deceased; Samuel, who married Miss Clarissa Alderman, both also deceased; Maria and Mary (twins), respectively married to Romeo Alderman and Walter Pease; Andrew, who died at fourteen years of age; and Erastus James. All the children were educated in a select school. The father was a Republican and an active politician. Both parents were influential members of the Congregational church, the father serving as Trustee and always taking a keen interest in the work of the organization.

Erastus James Ingham lived with his parents until their death, caring for them in their old age. He then purchased the old home-stead, and has since carried on general husbandry, while devoting considerable attention to dairying. On February 4, 1850, his marriage with Miss Julia Pease was performed. She was born in March, 1830, daughter of Daniel Pease, who was among the earliest settlers of Hampshire County. She has borne her husband four daughters, as follows: Alida, a successful teacher, who died at seventeen years of age; Lillie, the wife of Wayland F. Smith, a prosperous farmer residing in West Springfield, Mass.; Elnora, who died aged one year and nine months; and Nora, who married J. T. Bryan, a successful farmer residing in Middlefield.

Mr. Ingham is actively interested in political matters and a loyal supporter of the Republican party. Appreciating his zeal for the welfare of the town, the citizens have from time to time elected him to various offices of trust and responsibility. For several years he has served as Selectman. He and his family are communicants of the Congregational church, in which they are prominent workers.

 RIVILLE W. PROUTY, a well-known mechanic of North Hadley and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Worcester County, Massachusetts, October 5, 1844, and is a son of A. Warren and Hannah H. (Livermore) Prouty. Mr. Prouty's father was a native of Spencer, Mass., and followed the occupations of farmer and shoemaker in his native town until 1860, when he purchased in New Salem a farm which he personally conducted for several years. After his wife died, he relinquished active labor, and resided with his children in Wendell, Mass., until his death. His wife, who was a native of Paxton, Mass., became the mother of eleven children, named as follows: Cleora D., Oriville W., Ariel H., Viola M., Oriana T., Halsey H., Helen A., Clifford H., Chester W., Marion, and Eva.

Oriville W. Prouty was educated in the public schools, and at the age of fifteen was first employed in farming. He later engaged in shoemaking, an occupation which he followed until 1862, when he enlisted in the Thirty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He participated in fifteen different engagements, some of them the most important of the Civil War, and received his discharge in Readville, Mass., July 6, 1865. Mr. Prouty then resumed attendance at a school in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., but was unable to continue owing to his feeble health and he returned to his home. After regaining his health he followed various occupations until the spring of 1867, when he went to Hadley, and for the succeeding two years was employed in a carriage shop. After this he resided for one year in Clarendon, Vt., and then went to Bennington, Vt., where he engaged in manufacturing chairs, and became the owner of some property, which was later destroyed by fire. He subsequently returned to Hadley, and after working again in a car-

riage shop until 1873, came to North Hadley, where he opened a wagon repair shop upon his own account. In 1876 fire again swept his property away; but he rebuilt and resumed the repairing business, which he continued until visited some ten years later by a third conflagration. He then went to work in a manufactory of broom-maker's tools. He is at present a carpenter and millwright.

Mr. Prouty is a Republican in politics, and has filled with marked ability several offices of public trust. Since 1888 he has been elected to the Board of Selectmen, and he has been chairman of that body since 1893. He was appointed Justice of the Peace in May, 1891, has served as Constable two years, and was a Trustee of the Smith Charities of Northampton for a like period.

On June 14, 1871, Mr. Prouty was united in marriage to Martha A. Hurd, of Hadley, daughter of Thomas D. and Zilpha (Crosier) Hurd, both of whom are now dead. Mr. and Mrs. Prouty are members of the Congregational church, and take an active interest in church work. Mr. Prouty is a Comrade of E. M. Stanton Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Amherst. He was chairman of the executive committee which perfected the arrangements for the Hooker reunion in Hadley, on May 7, 1895; and he delivered the address of welcome on that occasion.

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**F**RANCIS LOOMIS, a lifelong resident and a thrifty and enterprising farmer of Williamsburg, Mass., was born on the place that he now owns, April 6, 1833. He is son of William and Lucinda (Thayer) Loomis, and grandson of Jonathan and Zilpha (Field) Loomis.

Grandfather Loomis was a resident farmer of Whately, Mass. He served in the Revolu-

lutionary War, and during the last years of his life was in receipt of a pension from the government. He and his wife, Zilpha Field, were the parents of five children: Jonathan, Leonard, Luther, Sally, and William. William Loomis, father of Francis, was born in Whately. In his early manhood he learned the trade of a carpenter and bridge builder; and examples of his work may now be seen in Chicopee Falls, Miller's Falls, and West Springfield, Mass. He first established a home for himself in Whately; but about the year 1822 he purchased in Williamsburg a farm of eighty acres, on which he erected new barns, besides remodelling the house. While he supervised the work of his farm, his attention was chiefly devoted to his trade, at which he met with good success. He was a communicant of the Congregational church and in political affiliation a Whig. He died in 1853, at the age of sixty-four years. His first marriage was to Miss Mary Waite, who died, leaving him with three children; namely, Luther, Maria, and Jane. His second and last union was with Miss Lucinda Thayer, who died in 1872, at seventy-seven years of age, leaving five children: Rebecca, Mary, Leonard, Francis, and Elizabeth. His son Luther, now dead, kept the Haydenville House, and had two children, one of whom survives.

Francis Loomis remained with his parents and cared for them during their old age. At their decease he purchased the farm, which then had very little cultivated land. Having cleared away the bushes, timber, and stone with which it was encumbered, he has in it now one of the best-cared-for farms in the town. He has also set out a nice variety of fruit-trees, and made improvements in the house and barns. Besides he carries on general farming, raising good crops of grain and





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tobacco; and he keeps a dairy of choice cows. On June 1, 1853, he was joined in marriage with Miss Sarah Hillman, a daughter of John Hillman, of Charlemont; and they have reared four of the six children born of their union. The two who died in childhood were Wilbur and Hattie, and the others are: Henry, born September 23, 1854; David C., who married Miss Fanny Rhoad, lives in Haydenville, and has two children, Ethel and Charles; George F., married to Miss Helen Rivard, having one child, Edward F., and residing at home; and William G., born October 16, 1877, also living at home. Mr. Loomis casts his vote with the Republican party. He is a member of Hampshire Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; and he and his wife and family are active and influential members of the Congregational church.

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**S**AMUEL L. PARSONS, whose portrait appears on the adjoining page, is the owner of a fine agricultural estate in Northampton, and has long been a conspicuous factor of the farming community, but is now, owing to ill health, living somewhat retired from active pursuits. He is the worthy representative of one of the very earliest pioneer families of this part of Hampshire County, the first birth recorded in Northampton being that of Ebenezer Parsons, who was born May 1, 1655, and was the fifth child of Joseph and Mary (Bliss) Parsons. This couple were wedded in November, 1646, at Hartford, Conn. They are further mentioned elsewhere in these pages in connection with others of their name and lineage. Their eldest son bore the name of Joseph, and was known as "Esquire Joseph," or Judge Parsons, the father being "Cornet Joseph."

Phineas Parsons, born January 9, 1750, a

great-grandson of Esquire Joseph and Elizabeth (Strong) Parsons — as we learn from the Rev. Solomon Clark's interesting work on "Northampton Antiquities, Historicals, and Graduates" — was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. In 1772 Phineas Parsons married Mary Baker, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Lanckton) Baker, settling on the estate conveyed to him by his father-in-law, his house standing within a few rods of what is now 58 West Street, and here engaged in general farming until his death, in 1825. He and his wife reared three daughters and four sons, of whom Samuel, born September 17, 1793, was the youngest.

Samuel Parsons became one of the leading farmers of this part of the county. He was a man of good judgment and sterling integrity, and prominent in public affairs, serving as Selectman several years, and as a Representative in the General Court in 1832 and 1833. His wife, to whom he was united November 20, 1821, was Caroline Russell, a native of this town. They became the parents of eight children, all of whom, with the exception of Sydenham Clark Parsons, formerly a druggist in Northampton, are now living, the father's namesake being the eldest child.

Samuel L. Parsons was born November 20, 1823, on the old Parsons homestead, above mentioned, and was there reared and educated. He remained beneath the parental roof-tree until his marriage, gaining a practical knowledge of various branches of agriculture. He inherited a portion of his father's estate, and now owns a valuable farm of two hundred acres, one of the very best in the vicinity. He has here carried on general farming with eminent success, raising about a thousand bushels of corn annually on the uplands; and on the bottom lands he cuts about two hundred tons of hay each season. He makes a

specialty of fattening cattle, keeping twenty or more, and turns to good account each acre of his fertile land.

On November 20, 1844, Mr. Parsons was united in wedlock with Sarah A. Kingsley, a daughter of Edwin and Mary B. Kingsley, of Northampton, the place of her birth being the site now occupied by the Academy of Music. Of this union two children have been born: a daughter, Harriet; and a son, Samuel Baker Parsons. Harriet married Hubbard M. Abbott, present Register of Probate for Hampshire County; and they have two sons and a daughter, Edwin Kingsley Abbott being a clerk in the Northampton Bank, and James Trumbull and Harriet P. being yet in school. Samuel Baker Parsons, who resides near his parents, married Ella B. Gorham, and succeeds his father in business. An active member of the Republican party in politics, ever deeply interested in the public weal, Mr. Parsons has served as Selectman eight years; and during two terms he represented his district in the State legislature. He is a gentleman of pleasing address, his cordiality inviting acquaintance, and his intelligence and evident sincerity winning respect and confidence.

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REV. FRANKLIN G. MORRIS, a man of prominence in the educational, business, and religious circles of Northampton, was born in East Salisbury, Essex County, November 19, 1841, being a son of John and Eliza (Brown) Morris. He is descended from English and German ancestry, distinguished on both sides for vitality and longevity. His maternal grandmother was a member of the Old South Church of Boston from the time when she was eight years old to the date of her death, when she had nearly completed a century.

John Morris was a seaman, and most of his sons followed in his footsteps in their liking for a sea life. He belonged to the United States Navy, and at the time of his death, in January, 1876, was the oldest boatswain in the service, being then in the ninety-first year of his age. He had a very strong and rugged constitution. When eighty-nine years old, he one day remarked that, had he taken proper care of himself, he might live to a good old age. He was twice married, rearing twelve children by both unions. His second wife, mother of the Rev. Mr. Morris, was Mrs. Eliza Brown, *née* Jennison, who bore him four sons and one daughter, Franklin G. being the fourth child. Of the remaining children Charles Henry was the only one that grew to maturity. He was lost at sea in 1864, the craft on which he sailed never having been heard from after leaving port. One of his elder sons, George, a half-brother of Franklin, also found a watery grave, having been sail-maker's mate on board the "Cumberland," which went down in the fight with the "Merrimac," March 8, 1862. The mother died very suddenly of heart disease in 1869, aged seventy years. The father buried his wife and eleven of his twelve children before he, too, passed to his final reward. This occurred at the home of his surviving son in Watertown, Mass.

Franklin G. Morris was reared to manhood in Ipswich, Mass., where his parents lived twenty-two years, and where the remains of both now rest in the beautiful cemetery. After concluding his studies at the public schools, he attended the Wilbraham Academy, from which he was graduated in 1861. He was one of the first volunteers that responded to the first call for three months' men made at the beginning of the Civil War, but he did not go to the front. Mr. Morris is of a deeply

religious nature, the fundamental principles of Christianity having been instilled into his heart by his honored parents; and at the early age of seventeen years he began teaching and preaching the Methodist doctrine. For seventeen years he was a member of the New England Conference and a most devoted and efficient pastor of the ten churches over which he has presided. Among them was the Saratoga Street Church of East Boston. In 1882 he was located in Easthampton. In 1876 the degree of A.M. was conferred on him by the Wesleyan University of Middletown, Conn. Beginning to study shorthand in 1867, Mr. Morris is now an expert in the art, and for the past seven years has been the official stenographer of Hampden County. He was one of the four reporters of the General Conference in 1888; and he has since reported five murder trials, accomplishing, with the aid of his staff of writers, a plain hand transcript of each day's proceedings by the ensuing night.

Mr. Morris was first married November 24, 1864, to Lucy A. Morley, who died three years later, leaving two children: Emma, a teacher in the public schools; and Charles Edward, who died in 1887, aged twenty years. In 1869 Mr. Morris was again united in marriage with Miss Georgia A. Waterhouse, a native of Lynn, Mass. He was a member of the State legislature, representing the district of Watertown in 1875, where he was then located. At the same time he had charge of a church, and was equal to the undertaking. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which his late father was a Master Mason. He is a very influential and prominent brother, having united with the organization thirty years ago. He has taken the Scottish rite degrees, has been at the head of the Royal Arch degree in his Chapter, and has the distinction of being one of the three

Grand Chaplains of the Massachusetts Grand Chapter.

**B**ENJAMIN C. BRAINARD, chairman of the Board of Selectmen of South Hadley Falls, is a son of Benjamin C. and Eunice P. (Ashley) Brainard, and was born in that town, May 19, 1841. The father was a native of South Hadley Falls, and followed the trade of a blacksmith for several years. He established a factory for the manufacture of agricultural tools at Chicopee, Mass., and personally conducted it for fifteen years. He then engaged in the grocery business as a member of the firm of Day & Brainard. After carrying this on for some time, he retired from the firm, and was appointed Postmaster, a position which he held until two years before his death, which occurred November 19, 1866. He was a representative man of South Hadley Falls, and occupied a prominent position in the community. His wife, who was born in West Springfield, Mass., became the mother of four children, as follows: Joseph, who died in infancy; Ann S., who married A. W. Fay, of Barre, Mass., and now resides in South Deerfield; Benjamin C., the subject of this sketch; and Mary J., principal of the Bridge Street School in Holyoke. She died December 27, 1892.

Benjamin C. Brainard had received a good common-school education at the age of fourteen, when he became errand boy in the office of the Glasgow Company in South Hadley Falls. He gradually worked his way up from one position to another until he was made superintendent and finally general agent of the company. He then went to New Jersey, where he was placed in charge of the Washington Mills, the largest enterprise of its kind in that State. He remained there for several

years, and then returned in 1890 to South Hadley Falls, where he has since resided. He is widely known and is in much demand as an expert in all matters pertaining to cotton-mills and their machinery. Mr. Brainard is a Republican in politics, and has served with distinction in various positions of public trust. He was first elected a Selectman in 1884. He has also been Chief Engineer of the fire department, a member of the School Board, for several years a Water Commissioner, Treasurer of the Water Board, and in 1893 was Representative of his district in the legislature, when he served as a member of the Committee upon Election Laws. Among the non-political offices he has held were those of Treasurer of the Cemetery Association and Vice-President of the Mechanics Savings Bank of Holyoke. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and was one of the organizers of the Lodge in South Hadley Falls.

In 1868 Mr. Brainard was united in marriage to Sarah Abbie Bickford, of Saco, Me. Her parents, now deceased, were: Thomas Bickford, a native of Massachusetts; and Lydia (Bean) Bickford, who was born in New Hampshire. Mr. and Mrs. Brainard have one daughter, Florence A., who has received a liberal education, and is now assistant principal of the South Hadley Falls High School. Mr. Brainard is a generous contributor to movements designed for the benefit of his native town. His present position of prosperity can be justly credited to his own energy and industry.

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**H**ORACE H. VAUGHN is a prosperous farmer of Greenwich. He was born in Prescott, Mass., November 15, 1832, and is a son of Josiah and Susan (Shaw) Vaughn. His grandfather, Nathan Vaughn, a native of Middleboro, Mass., was an early

settler in Prescott. He was a sturdy pioneer and a successful farmer, and lived to the age of eighty years. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Fry, bore him nine children, all of whom became heads of families. She also attained an advanced age before she died. Both husband and wife were members of the Baptist church.

Josiah Vaughn, Mr. Vaughn's father, was born in the place now called Prescott, October 15, 1791. He was a Baptist minister during his early manhood, but later engaged in agriculture. He owned a farm of one hundred acres in Prescott, which he managed successfully. An industrious man and an earnest Christian worker, he was much respected by his neighbors. He was a member of the Masonic Order for over forty years, and reached a high degree in the fraternity. His wife, Susan (Shaw) Vaughn, who was born in Middleboro, Mass., September 2, 1791, made him the father of eleven children, of whom three are living, namely: Chloe F., who is now Mrs. Russell, of Athol, Mass.; Hollis, a resident of Wendell; and Horace H., the subject of this sketch, who is the youngest. The others were: Josiah N., Susan L., Nathan, Lois, Mary, John W., Rhoda P., and Laura, all of whom, except the last two, reached maturity before they died. Both parents lived to the age of seventy-four years, and but four hours intervened between their deaths.

Horace H. Vaughn passed his boyhood and youth in Prescott, and was brought up to a practical knowledge of farming. He commenced his education in the district schools. After completing his studies at the New Salem Academy, he taught school for some time. In April, 1861, he settled in Greenwich, where, with the exception of one year, he has since resided. He purchased his pres-





JOSEPH W. GREEN, Jr.

ent farm of one hundred and nine acres in 1869, and for the past twenty-six years has conducted general farming, making a specialty of raising poultry, with satisfactory results. He has worked industriously and energetically, and his present prosperity is fully merited. In politics he is a Prohibitionist, and he has been prominent in the order of Good Templars.

On February 5, 1861, Mr. Vaughn was united in marriage to Lydia Locke. She was born in Wendell, Mass., January 11, 1837. Her parents were Ephraim and Nancy Locke. The father was a native of Wendell; and the mother was born in Dover, Vt. Ephraim Locke followed agriculture as an occupation during his entire life, and was known as a prosperous farmer and an upright citizen. He lived to the age of seventy-one years, and his wife to the age of seventy-two.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn have one daughter, Jennie L., who was born in Greenwich, January 9, 1862. She married Henry I. Glazier, and they reside with Mr. Vaughn. Mr. Glazier is engaged in lumbering in connection with farming, and is well known as an active and industrious man. Mr. and Mrs. Glazier have three children; namely, Leta Mabel, Elsie L., and Earl H.

Mr. Vaughn and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has been superintendent and teacher of the Sunday-school for forty years, and is at the present time one of the Stewards.

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JOSEPH W. GREEN, JR., of whom a portrait is seen on the opposite page, is the Treasurer of the Glendale Elastic Fabric Company at Easthampton and a well-known and influential business man. He was born in the quaint old town of Marble-

head, Mass., in 1848, son of Joseph W. and Abbie T. (Girdler) Green, the former of whom was likewise a native of that place, born in 1823.

His grandfather, who first bore the name of Joseph W. Green, was born in Marblehead in 1795. Though hardly more than a boy at the time of the War of 1812, he, nevertheless, bore his share in that struggle. He became a fish merchant and exporter, and did quite an extensive business both in Marblehead and in Boston. Alive to the commercial interests of his town and the benefits to be derived from a local banking institution, he was one of the leaders in the founding of the National Grand Bank at Marblehead. He was interested in governmental affairs, and was at one time a member of the State legislature. He married Miss Hannah Goss, and they reared twelve of the fourteen children that were born of their union — five sons and seven daughters. Five are now living, namely: Joseph W.; Charles W., who is a merchant in Boston; Sarah L., the wife of Henry R. Chadbourne, of East Watertown, Mass.; Charlotte, who is unmarried, and also resides at East Watertown; and Harriet G., the widow of Thomas Courtis, living at Salem, Mass. Their father attained the goodly age of eighty-four years, and their mother lived to be eighty.

Joseph W. Green, second, was an apt scholar, and pursued his studies at the schools in Marblehead and in the academy at Andover, qualifying himself for a teacher. When the news came of the discovery of gold in California, being among those who were filled with a desire to try their fortunes in that El Dorado, he went thither with the forty-niners; and his life since has been one of varied experiences and fortunes. At the present time he resides in Ranier, Ore., whither he went in 1880, and in recent years has been successfully en-

gaged in teaching. He married Abbie Girdler, a daughter of Lewis Girdler and Hannah Turner Girdler, the former of whom was a merchantman. Of the three children born to them one son, Lewis G. Green, who was an accountant, and unmarried, died in 1876, at twenty-eight years of age. The living are: Ellen T. Green, who was educated in Marblehead, where she is now a successful teacher; and Joseph W. Green, Jr., the subject of the present sketch.

Joseph W. Green, Jr., received his education at Marblehead and in Boston, graduating from the Eliot School in that city in the class of 1862, being then but fourteen years of age. He was employed at his grandfather's place of business in Boston for about four years, working there during his vacations until he left school; and at eighteen years of age he secured a position with the house of Nichols & Farnsworth, dealers in shoe manufacturers' goods, with whom he remained for twelve years. In the winter of 1878 he came to Easthampton, where he entered the position he now holds, Treasurer and Manager of the Glendale Elastic Fabric Company, which was established in 1863 by Samuel Williston, H. G. Knight, and E. H. Sawyer. Mr. Green is also interested in the Easthampton Rubber Thread Company and the Nashawonock Manufacturing Company.

He was married on September 30, 1889, to Mrs. Hannah C. Richmond, *née* Courtis, a daughter of Stacey and Hannah (Green) Courtis. Her first husband, Mr. James H. C. Richmond, died in the prime of life, leaving her with five children, as follows: Fred C. Richmond, who resides at Schullsburg, Wis., where he is engaged in zinc and lead mining; Stacey Courtis Richmond, who is engaged in the banking business with Spencer, Trask & Co. of New York City; and James H. C.

Richmond and Catherine C. Richmond, who are twins. The former, who is a stock clerk and accountant with the Glendale Fabric Company, was educated at New Bedford and Providence, and resides at home; and the latter, who was educated at New Bedford, Mass., Providence, R.I., and Boston, Mass., is an accomplished kindergarten teacher at Boston, making a success of her chosen vocation. Clifford Ambrose Richmond, the youngest child, was educated at New Bedford, Mass., Schullsburg, Wis., and Easthampton, Mass., and is a weaver in the Glendale Fabric Company, and is a man of keen intellectual powers.

The Republican party counts Mr. Green among its faithful and loyal adherents. He has considerable musical talent, and for many years has been actively interested in church choirs and many musical organizations. About 1890 he purchased the pleasant residence on Park Street which he and his family have since occupied.

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**E**DWARD B. NIMS, M.D., who has charge of the Hospital for the Insane at Northampton, Mass., is a native of New Hampshire, born April 20, 1838, in Sullivan, Cheshire County, son of Seth and Maria (Frost) Nims.

Among the early settlers of Deerfield, in this county, we find the name of Godfrey Nims. The house he built and subsequently lived in still stands at the corner of Main and Academy Streets. It has but recently passed out of the Nims family, after an ownership of one hundred and eighty years. Godfrey Nims was prominent among the pioneers of the town, and his name is engraved on the memorial tablet in the new hall. Some of his descendants settled in New Hampshire, and

became leading citizens of that State. One of them, David Nims, great-great-uncle of the subject of this sketch, was the first Town Clerk of Keene, N.H. The paternal grandfather, also named David, was born in Roxbury, N.H., about 1776, and died in 1814. He married Abigail Carter, who survived him, living to the venerable age of fourscore years. She bore her husband eight children—four sons and four daughters—all of whom, with one exception, married, and reared families. One of the sons, Seth, having been brought up a farmer, continued in that occupation after reaching manhood. He entered into matrimony with Maria Frost, whose parents were esteemed members of the farming community of Sullivan. There were born of the union three children, namely: Edward B.; Ellen E., wife of Henry C. Rawson, of Sullivan; and Augustus F., of the same town. The mother died in October, 1865, aged fifty-eight years. The father subsequently married Hannah Dodge, with whom he is still living in his New Hampshire home, hale and vigorous yet, although ninety-two years old.

Dr. Nims was reared on the home farm until sixteen years old, when he was sent to the Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, N.H., to be fitted for college. He made good use of the opportunities here. He was admitted to Williams College in 1858, and graduated four years later. He subsequently entered the medical department of the University of Vermont at Burlington. In May, 1864, he accepted an appointment as Assistant Surgeon of the First Vermont Cavalry, and was in active service in the Civil War under General Sheridan until May, 1865, when he was prostrated with fever. After this his regiment was distributed along the Canadian frontier; and he was mustered out of service August 9, 1865. Dr. Nims then continued

his medical studies, taking a full course of lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, and received his degree at the Vermont University. After practising his profession for a short time, he was appointed Assistant Physician in the Vermont State Asylum at Brattleboro. He filled this position from February, 1866, until December, 1868, when he accepted that of Assistant Physician in the Northampton Asylum, under Dr. Pliny Earl. He was appointed Head Physician, his present office, October 21, 1885, when Dr. Earl was retired. He is assisted in his onerous duties by Dr. J. A. Houston, Dr. C. M. Holmes, and Dr. Jane R. Baker, all of whom stand high in the medical fraternity. The hospital receives about two hundred patients annually, who come from the counties of Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire. The building is of brick, very handsome and spacious, four stories high, with a frontage of seven hundred and twelve feet, and is delightfully located, on an eminence overlooking the surrounding country.

On September 5, 1867, Dr. Edward B. Nims was united in marriage with Elizabeth E. Delano, of Ticonderoga, N.Y., being the daughter of Asa P. Delano. The only child born of their union, a son, named Edward Earl Nims, died at this institution, July 26, 1877, at the age of seven years.

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JAMES D. BARNES, a progressive farmer of Prescott, born in Pelham, Mass., August 27, 1827, was son of Dwight and Violet (Mellen) Barnes. Mr. Barnes's great-grandfather, Eli Barnes, was an early settler of Hardwick, Mass., where he became a prosperous farmer and resided for the remainder of his life. He raised a family

of nine children, respectively named: Dwight, Harvey, Horace, Lucius, Eli, Lyman, Sophia, Minda, and Fanny. Of these the only one now living is Lucius Barnes, a resident of Ware, Mass.

Dwight Barnes, father of Mr. Barnes, was born in Hardwick. He first settled in Belchertown, and later in Pelham, where he owned and successfully managed a good farm. He possessed a strong constitution, was a tireless worker, a Democrat in politics, and lived to the age of sixty-four years. His farm is now occupied by Arthur Barnes. His first wife, Violet (Mellen) Barnes, died at the age of thirty years. His second wife was Lois Kingfield, who passed her declining years at the home of James D. Barnes. Mr. Barnes was the father of three children, as follows: James D., the subject of this sketch; Estus H., who died aged sixty-five; and Joseph M., a resident of West Ware.

James D. Barnes received his education in the schools of Pelham, and at an early age commenced life as a farm boy, receiving for wages thirteen dollars per month. He continued to work as an assistant upon different farms until 1860, when he purchased the property on which he now resides. The farm, situated upon high ground, overlooking a considerable portion of the surrounding country, is conducted upon modern principles. Its appearance, together with the excellent condition of the buildings, tells the sterling qualities of the owner. He has no specialty; but, while conducting general farming operations, he is seldom found without some fine cattle. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served the town with ability for two terms each as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, and Road Commissioner. He is a Master Mason and a member of Bethel Lodge.

On November 25, 1858, Mr. Barnes was

united in marriage to Mary J. Upton. She was born in Prescott, and was a daughter of Otis and Minerva (Shaw) Upton. Both parents were natives of Prescott. The father's occupation was that of stone mason, and he was over eighty when he died. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have had five children, namely: Addie Leola, who died at the age of eighteen; Eugene and Herbert W., who are in the meat business in Prescott; Allie L. and Clarence, who are engaged in farming. Mr. Barnes is highly esteemed by his fellow-townsmen, and his sons are well and favorably known in the community as bright and active business men.

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**H**ENRY A. PARSONS, a successful business man at Westhampton, where his pleasant and accommodating disposition makes him a favorite with his fellow-townsmen, was born in Easthampton, March 16, 1856. His father, Joseph Parsons, a lifelong resident of Easthampton, is a thriving farmer and an influential citizen. He is a leader in public affairs, and has served as Selectman for several years. He married Cecilia Clark, also a native of Easthampton, and they became the parents of eight children, three of whom died; namely, Sarah, Louisa, and Julius. The surviving children are: Joseph E., a contractor in Meriden, Conn.; Henry A., the subject of this sketch; Mary C., wife of L. S. Janes, who is engaged in the dairy business at Easthampton; Anna, wife of F. E. Searle, of Easthampton; and Carrie M., a teacher in Northampton.

Henry A. Parsons was reared and educated in the place of his nativity, and assisted on the home farm until he was thirty years of age, when he entered upon a mercantile career. Coming to Westhampton in 1887, he bought his present store, and has since car-

ried on a flourishing business in general merchandise. For a time he was Assistant Postmaster in this village. Being an energetic and enterprising man and honest and upright in his dealings, Mr. Parsons has built up a large trade in the village and surroundings. In politics he affiliates with the Republicans, while taking an active and intelligent interest in promoting the general welfare. He is a charter member of the Knights of Honor, and belongs to Hope Lodge, No. 1184.

Mr. Parsons was united in marriage December 12, 1878, to Miss M. Jennie Keene, who was born in England, being a daughter of James Keene, a leading merchant of Easthampton, where he is still carrying on a successful business. Three children have been born to them; namely, Lillian M., Emily L., and Annie K. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons are actively identified with the religious movements of the community, being valued members of the Congregational church. He is a member of the parish committee and the superintendent of the Sunday-school.

and in early manhood he settled in Sheldon, Vt., where he bought three hundred acres of wild land, which he cleared and improved into a productive farm. He followed agriculture successfully in the town of Sheldon, and died from the effects of an accident. Consider Shattuck was a generous, public-spirited man, a Whig in politics, and an Episcopalian in religious belief. He married Anna Atherton, and raised a family of three children; namely, Alvah, Zania, and Richard A. His wife wedded for her second husband Elihu Goodwill, and her six children by this union were: Eliza, Barnard, Frank, Mary, Chloe, and John.

Richard A. Shattuck, Major Shattuck's father, was born in East Sheldon, Vt., March 28, 1801. He learned the trade of a tanner and currier, an occupation which he followed for a time. He was appointed Collector of Customs for the district of Alburg Springs, Vt., where the office was located. He became a prominent man in the town, and ably filled several important positions of public trust. Richard A. Shattuck died December 6, 1873. His wife, Mary Smith before marriage, was born in Sheldon, August 14, 1805, daughter of Daniel Smith, of that town. She became the mother of twelve children, as follows: Helen M., DeForest E., J. Clesson, Emeline E., Barnard G., Eliza H., Daniel S., Norman L., Charles S., Arthur L., Helen M. (second), and Anna A. The mother died December 14, 1871.

Charles S. Shattuck was educated in the schools of Sheldon; and at the age of seventeen he entered mercantile life as clerk in a hardware store in Burlington, Vt., where he remained for three years. On July 16, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company K, Sixth Regiment Vermont Volunteers, for three years' service in the Civil War. He was

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**M**AJOR CHARLES S. SHATTUCK, a prominent manufacturer of Hatfield and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Sheldon, Franklin County, Vt., June 5, 1840, son of Richard A. and Mary (Smith) Shattuck.

Major Shattuck's great-grandparents were Samuel and Sarah (Clesson) Shattuck, the former of whom was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and participated in the battle of Bunker Hill. His second wife was Chloe Field. His children were: Samuel, Chloe, Consider, Seth, Lydia, Jessie, Robert, and Chester. Major Shattuck's grandfather, Consider Shattuck, was born in Greenfield, Mass.;

immediately raised to the rank of Sergeant; and on September 19, 1864, he was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant of his company. He was made Captain of United States Volunteers on February 22, 1865, and in July of that year was promoted to the rank of Brevet Major of Volunteers, his commission being signed by Abraham Lincoln. After his retirement from the service, January 1, 1866, he returned to Vermont, and in company with E. O. Wires resumed mercantile business in Burlington. He dealt in crockery and glassware, paper hangings, etc., carrying on a wholesale and retail business for three years, at the expiration of which time he sold his interest to William Wood. He was appointed to take the census of the county in 1870, and on January 1, 1871, accepted a position with the Wilcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine Company in New York City. He remained for one year in New York, and was then sent to Cincinnati, Ohio, in the interest of the company. In 1874 he resigned his position with the Wilcox & Gibbs firm, and engaged in the manufacturing of pistols at Springfield, Mass., under the firm name of Hyde & Shattuck. The business proved a profitable one; and on February 1, 1877, the plant was moved to Hatfield, where the manufacturing of single-barrel breech-loading shot-guns was added to the enterprise. In 1880 Major Shattuck became sole proprietor of the establishment, and has since conducted its affairs with success. He has of late given his attention solely to the manufacturing of shot-guns, and produces four different patterns. He employs a force of thirty skilled workmen, and enjoys a steady patronage. Major Shattuck purchased a handsome residence on Main Street, built by Ashley Bardwell in 1874; and he also owns the substantial brick house situated directly opposite, formerly the home

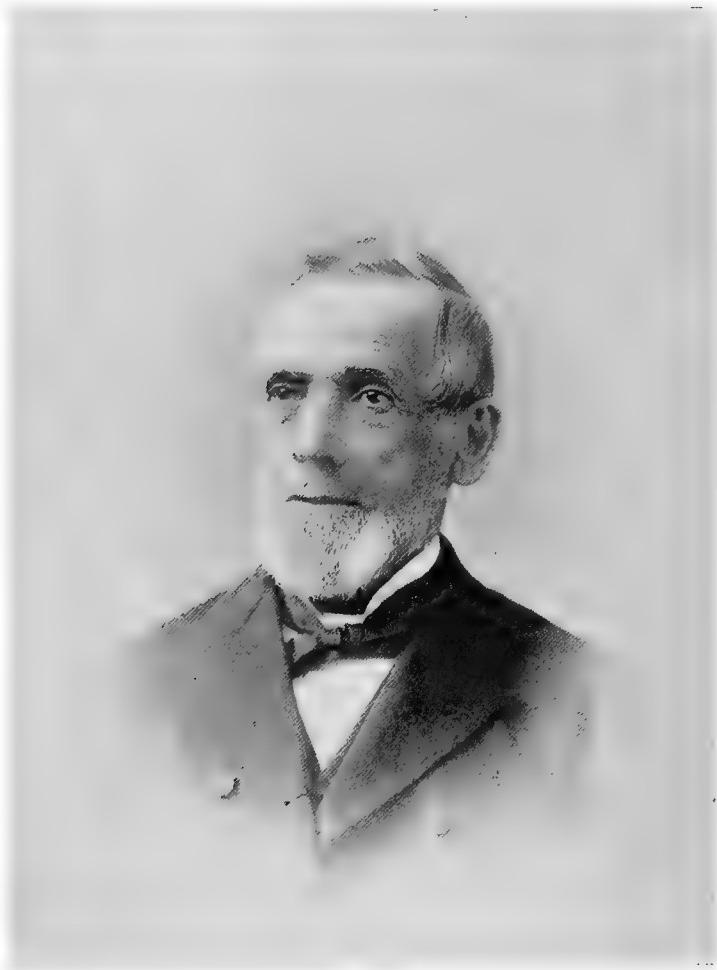
of Henry Bardwell, and the Curtis place on Pleasant Street.

Major Shattuck is a Republican in politics, and has been chairman of the Republican Committee for twelve years. He was elected a member of the legislature of the Third Hampshire District in 1895. He is Town Auditor, and takes an active interest in all matters relating to the attractiveness and improvement of the village. He is particularly interested in fine horses, and has bred some excellent roadsters.

On September 2, 1884, Major Shattuck was united in marriage to Addie M. Doolittle. She was the daughter of Otis Doolittle (her mother's maiden name being Howard), and died in 1885, aged thirty years. She was the mother of two children, twins, both of whom died in infancy. Major Shattuck is a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. Aside from his honorable army record, he is highly esteemed by his fellow-townsman as an enterprising and energetic citizen, who has the general welfare of the community at heart.



R.S. HARRIET ELIZA PARSONS, residing at 7 Old South Street, Northampton, is the daughter of Nathaniel and Eliza (Hubbard) Sears, and widow of Enos Parsons, Esq., who died here, February 8, 1892, aged seventy-six years and eight months. A faithful likeness of Mr. Parsons appears on the opposite page. He was for many years a prominent lawyer of this city, being a partner with A. T. Crossley in the long-established firm of Parsons & Co. The name of Parsons has been honorably connected with the social and industrial development of this part of Massachusetts for two hundred and fifty years, the first of the name in these parts having been Joseph Par-



ENOS PARSONS.



sons, who, tradition says, emigrated from Great Torrington, England, with a brother Benjamin about 1630, probably coming in the same vessel with William Pynchon. It is known that he was in Springfield, Mass., in 1636, and then called himself sixteen years of age. He was a tiller of the soil, and removed from there to Northampton in 1655. Seven years later he testified that he was a witness to a deed of the lands at Springfield, given July 15, 1636, and to the bargain between the Indians and Mr. Pynchon, by which the latter was to give eighteen fathoms of wampum, eighteen coats, eighteen hatchets, eighteen hoes, and eighteen knives for the land.

As soon as Northampton was incorporated Joseph Parsons was chosen Townsman, or Selectman; but afterward he paid the town twenty shillings not to elect him to any office during the next year. He, however, served in official capacities seven years after that, and was one of the chief founders of the town. He was extensively engaged in the fur trade, and acquired a large estate. He was the first owner of land bought from the Indians in Squakeag (Northfield) in 1671, and was active in the settlement of that town. He married Mary Bliss, a native of Hartford, Conn., but later of Northfield; and they lived in Northampton until 1679, when they removed to Springfield, where they died, he in 1683 and she in 1712. His home lot in Northampton contained four acres, and was bounded on the west by the highway (now Market Street), on the east by Pine Plain (now Cemetery Park), on the north by the land of John Bliss, and on the south by Bridge Street.

Joseph Parsons was a large landholder, owning land in Springfield, Boston, and other places. He was one of the first persons in Northampton authorized to keep an ordinary, or tavern. He was cornet, or color

bearer, of a cavalry company, then an officer in rank, and was known as Cornet Joseph Parsons. Of his seven sons and five daughters all grew to maturity but one; and the first birth of a white child recorded in Northampton was that of his son Ebenezer, May 1, 1655. In 1674 Mary, wife of Cornet Joseph Parsons, was accused of witchcraft, and voluntarily appeared in court in Springfield that year, desiring to clear herself of such a heinous crime. She was indicted by the Grand Jury in Boston in May, 1675, and committed to prison to await her trial, being finally acquitted May 13.

Nathaniel Sears, the father of Mrs. Harriet E. Parsons, was of the seventh generation in direct descent from Richard Sares, an early settler of Yarmouth on the Cape, the immigrant ancestor of the Sears family in New England. Nathaniel was a son of Rufus Sears, who was born in Yarmouth in 1770, and was left an orphan when very young, his father, Captain Nathaniel Sears, having been lost when on a sea voyage. Rufus became one of the well-to-do farmers of Hawley, where he settled after his marriage. He was a Deacon in the Congregational church. Nathaniel Sears and Eliza Hubbard were married in 1824 at Williamsburg, where Mr. Sears was a prosperous manufacturer of woollen goods. Mrs. Eliza H. Sears died when only twenty-nine years old, leaving but one child, Harriet E., Mrs. Parsons. Mr. Sears subsequently married Miss Cordelia Morton, who bore him one child, Lorenzo, now Professor Sears, of Brown University. Mrs. Cordelia M. Sears, an intelligent and estimable woman of eighty-five years, makes her home with her son. In 1863 Mr. Sears moved to Northampton, and here lived retired until his death, in 1888. He had accumulated a good property through energetic industry and thrift.

Sylvanus Hubbard, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Parsons, was likewise a tiller of the soil, locating at first in Sunderland, but removing from there to Williamsburg, where he improved a fine farm. He married Abigail Thayer; and they became the parents of six children — three sons and three daughters — one of whom is now living, Sylvanus, a resident of Williamsburg.

Harriet E. Sears was reared in Williamsburg, and received her education at Mount Holyoke Seminary. She became the wife of Enos Parsons in 1861. The only child born of their union was a son, Frank Sears Parsons, M.D., now a successful physician of Dorchester, Mass. He began the study of medicine at the Harvard Medical School, and was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at New York City. He married Bertha Saxman, of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, Pa., on the 5th of September, 1891; and their union has been blessed by the birth of one son, Frank Enos Parsons, a winsome little fellow of three years. The fine brick house in which Mrs. Parsons resides was erected some forty-three years ago by Mr. Parsons, his first wife, formerly Mary Ann Crafts, having selected the rugged and picturesque site on the side hill, overlooking what was then the Mill River meadow, but which is now platted and covered with beautiful residences. Mrs. Harriet Parsons is a woman of much force of character, actuated by the highest Christian principles, and is held in universal respect and esteem. She is a valued member of the Jonathan Edwards Church, of which her husband was a generous supporter and one of the founders, he having contributed liberally to the building fund.

Mr. Parsons was a man of great influence and of sterling integrity and worth. He was a stanch Republican in his political prin-

ples, but always firmly declined elective office, although he was uniformly interested in local affairs and improvements. Before the establishment of the District Court for Hampshire County he was one of the Trial Justices, and was active in his practice as a lawyer until about the time of his decease, retaining his intellectual vigor to a remarkable degree. He took great interest in military tactics, and was familiarly known as Captain Parsons, having been appointed to that rank in a Northampton company in 1838. For eighteen years prior to 1890 Mr. Parsons was the attorney for the Massachusetts Central Railway Company and its successors, and without doubt settled more land claims than any other man in Hampshire County since the time of its formation.

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**M**OSES H. BEALS, Postmaster of Williamsburg, born in Goshen, Mass., June 5, 1829, is son of Moses W. and Rebecca (Joslyn) Beals. Mr. Beals's ancestors came from Hingham, England, and were among the first settlers of Hingham, Mass. Daniel Beals, Mr. Beals's grandfather, was born in Hingham, and settled on a farm in Cummington at an early date. He cleared and improved his property, and cultivated it successfully for many years. He raised a family of sixteen children, all of whom attained maturity; and his declining years were passed with them. He died in Medina, N.Y., aged seventy-six.

Moses W. Beals, father of Mr. Beals, was born in Cummington, Mass., November 20, 1803. He was reared to farming; and in early manhood he purchased a farm in the town of Goshen, and conducted it for a number of years. Then he moved to Williamsburg, where he spent a long time in the employment of G. Williams. After this he took

up the stone-mason's trade, but soon abandoned it, and bought the farm of twenty-seven acres known as the Rev. Lord homestead, where he resided thereafter until his death, in 1885. He was a member of the Congregational church, was a Whig in politics, but later joined the Republican party. His wife, Rebecca (Joslyn) Beals, a daughter of William Joslyn, a prosperous farmer, was married to him February 1, 1828. They had four children, as follows: Moses H., the subject of this sketch; Addison W., now living in West Brookfield, Mass.; a child who died in infancy; and Clarissa, who died at the age of sixteen years. The mother died in 1890, aged eighty-seven years.

Moses H. Beals was educated in the town schools, and learned the trades of a harness-maker and carriage trimmer in the shops of Stearns Brothers, of Williamsburg. During the Civil War he was employed by Wilkinson & Cummings at Springfield, Mass., in making harnesses, saddles, and other army accoutrements. In 1872 he established himself in the harness business in Williamsburg, where he conducted a successful trade until 1893, when he retired. Mr. Beals is a Democrat in politics, and has ably filled various town offices, such as Town Clerk, Treasurer, and School Committeeman. In 1885 he was appointed Postmaster, and held that position until 1889. He was commissioned Justice of the Peace in 1892. In 1893 he was reappointed Postmaster, and conducts the office to general satisfaction. He was a member of Nonatuck Lodge, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Northampton, of which he is Past Grand; and he is also Past Chief Patriarch of the Encampment.

Mr. Beals has been twice married. On September 30, 1851, he wedded Mary Sherwood, daughter of Eli Sherwood. She died

at the age of twenty-three years, leaving one son, Charles S., who is now a mechanic in Leeds, Mass., and who married Isadore Walbridge, and has three children: Grace, Abbie, and Lena. On July 5, 1855, Mr. Beals married his second wife, Mary Flynn, daughter of Patrick Flynn; and by this union he has one daughter, named Lucella D., who is now the wife of Homer Bradford, a mechanic of Williamsburg. Mr. Beals is liberal in his religious views, a courteous official, and held in high esteem by his fellow-townsmen.

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**D**WIGHT GRAVES, a prominent business man of North Amherst, son of Fortin and Louisa (Russell) Graves, was born in Otselic, N.Y., January 7, 1839. Fortin Graves was born in Sunderland, Mass., August 24, 1801, and followed agriculture in Hinsdale, Berkshire County, Mass., for the greater part of his life. He was residing in South Amherst with his son when he died, April 24, 1876. He was an industrious and highly esteemed citizen and a Republican in politics. His wife, who was born October 21, 1803, became the mother of nine children, as follows: Samantha, Louisa, Emily, Julia, William, who are dead; Nelson, a carpenter, who resides in Illinois; Leonard, a resident of Deadwood, S. Dak.; Dwight, the subject of this sketch; and Edward, a carpenter of Williamsville, Vt. The mother died in Hinsdale, February 22, 1865.

Dwight Graves was educated in the district schools of Berkshire County; and, when a young man, he commenced to learn the trade of a wood-turner. In 1861 he came to Amherst, and entered the employ of John W. Haskins, a carpenter, with whom he remained for a number of years. In 1869 he formed a partnership with B. F. Kellogg; and, pur-

chasing Haskins's business, the new firm continued it. They did wood-turning and general jobbing, manufacturing sashes, doors, and blinds. In 1880 they sold their old shops, and moved to their present mill, where they have built up a prosperous business. Their mill has much enlarged capacities, is equipped with modern machinery for sawing all kinds of lumber, and employs from four to ten men. Mr. Graves is a Republican in politics and a member of the Pacific Lodge of A. F. & A. M. On April 11, 1863, he married Mary E. Kellogg, a daughter of Dexter and Mary (Town) Kellogg, old residents of Amherst. Mrs. Graves is a member of the Congregational church. Mr. Graves is a stirring business man, full of energy and ability; and his success is the result of untiring and patient industry.

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**A**NDREW J. DAVIS, who with his brother, Henry C. Davis, is engaged in the insurance and real estate business, is one of the eight surviving children of Benjamin and Cordelia (Buffington) Davis, his birth having occurred on February 6, 1860. Mr. Davis was reared on the home farm, remaining with his parents until he reached his majority. After graduating from the Ware High School, he took a special course at the Ann Arbor High School in Michigan. He left there in February, 1881, and soon after entered the employ of Tobias New, of New York City, a manufacturer of roofing materials and asphalt pavement. He remained with him until April, 1888, when he returned to Ware, and in the year following took charge of his father's farm. In December, 1889, he entered into partnership with his brother, Henry C. Davis, in the real estate and insurance business, which has since been quite successful.

On May 4, 1887, the anniversary of his father's and this brother's wedding day, his own marriage to Miss Emma A. Glines was performed. She is the second daughter of David B. and Adeline O. (Draper) Glines, of Ware. Her father died in February, 1895, at the age of sixty-one years, leaving a goodly estate to his family. He was a native of Maine; but he came to Ware about forty years ago, and after a time established a successful business. In his last years he did little beyond looking after his property and investments. His elder daughter, Grace D., married Frank M. Sibley, of the firm of Hitchcock & Co. Mr. and Mrs. Davis's home has been made happy by the advent of two daughters and one son, namely: Grace G., a little woman of six years; Esther Helen, who is four years old; and Benjamin, born in September, 1895.

The Republican party counts Mr. Davis among its faithful adherents, and he served as Postmaster at Ware during General Harrison's administration. Among his other official trusts may be mentioned that of Deputy Sheriff and Notary Public. Fraternally, he is a Knight Templar, being a member of the Northampton Commandery, King Solomon's Chapter of Warren, and Eden Lodge of Masons of Ware. He is also a member of the Ware Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Ancient Order of United Workmen. At present Mr. Davis and his family reside on Spring Street; but he is now building a new and larger home on Elm Street, adjoining the residence of his brother, Henry C.

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**J**AMES RUSSELL TRUMBULL, a much respected resident of Northampton, has been identified with the industrial, educational, and literary interests of

this section of Hampshire County for many years, and has ably assisted in maintaining and advancing its welfare. He is a native of this county, born in Haydenville, Williamsburg, December 21, 1825, a son of Guy and Clarissa (Nash) Trumbull.

The Trumbulls were well-known manufacturers of Connecticut during the last part of the eighteenth century. David Trumbull, the grandfather of James Russell Trumbull, was a resident of Windsor for many years. His last days were spent at his home in East Windsor, where his death occurred in January, 1800, at the age of fifty-five years. He married Sarah Harper, by whom he had eight children, of whom seven grew to maturity, and married, the most of them having large families, one son rearing nine children.

Guy Trumbull, born in East Windsor, Conn., July 6, 1786, grew to manhood in his native State, coming to this county when a young man. He was a member of the firm of Hayden, Trumbull & Co., manufacturers of machinery, looms, etc. On June 20, 1822, he was married to Clarissa Nash, of Williamsburg, a daughter of a prominent farmer, John Nash, and his wife, Martha (Little) Nash. Three children were born to them, namely: Julia Shepherd, who was wife of E. L. Miller, and died in 1892, aged sixty-nine years; James Russell, the subject of this sketch; and Martha Howard, a maiden lady, living at South Hadley Falls. The father, who was a man of exceedingly good habits and reputation and an esteemed citizen, died before reaching the noon-tide of life, in Haydenville, June 19, 1828. His widow survived him, departing this life July 26, 1873, at the venerable age of fourscore years.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools. When a lad of seventeen years, he was apprenticed to the printer's

trade, entering the office of the Hampshire *Gazette*, and serving his three years' time under William A. Hawley. He became an expert compositor, and finally was made foreman of the office, remaining in that position until 1847. Then he bought from Homer A. Cooke the Hampshire and Franklin *Express*, which was established in 1844 by J. S. and C. Adams, and subsequently came into the hands of Samuel Nash, the predecessor of Mr. Cooke. Mr. Trumbull became printer and editor of it in 1849. He subsequently became editor of the Hampshire *Gazette*, published by Hopkins, Bridgeman & Co., and was serving in that capacity until January 1, 1858, when Thomas Hale, of Windsor, Vt., became half-owner and the editor. The following October Mr. Trumbull purchased the entire plant, merging the *Gazette* and the Northampton *Courier* into one publication, under the name of the *Gazette and Courier*, thenceforth jointly edited by Trumbull & Gere. The firm did a good paying business until January 1, 1877, when the senior partner sold his interest in the paper to Mr. Gere. Since that time Mr. Trumbull, who has been somewhat of an invalid, has lived in retirement at his pleasant home, 45 Prospect Street, which he built twenty-seven years ago.

On November 6, 1848, Mr. Trumbull married Harriet T. Kingsley, of Northampton. Her father, Edwin Kingsley, was by occupation a blacksmith, and died in 1874, aged eighty-two years. He married Belinda Kingsbury, who was born in Brattleboro, Vt., in 1804, and died in Northampton in 1886. She bore her husband eight children, six of whom grew to maturity. Mr. Trumbull has always been identified with the Republican party, and has held public offices in the town and city. He was chosen City Treasurer in 1884, and filled that office for six years, de-

clining a renomination in 1889. For over thirty years he was a valued member of the Library Committee, and is now serving as one of the Trustees of the Forbes Library, having been elected in 1894. He was one of the Board of Almoners for the Whiting Street Fund, and was for many years clerk of the old Parish Church. He still devotes a portion of his time to literary pursuits. Having, in connection with George W. Hubbard, purchased the Judd manuscript, he has been working for the past eighteen years on the history of Northampton, which, no doubt, will be a valuable accession to our historical records.

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**H**ORACE L. CLARK, secretary of the Williston & Knight Company of Easthampton, was born in West Springfield, October 2, 1837, and is the son of Anson Kingsley and Laura (Brown) Clark. He is a scion of one of the oldest and most honored families in New England, tracing his lineage to Lieutenant William Clark, who came from England in 1630 with the first settlers of Dorchester.

Lieutenant Clark lived in Dorchester until 1659, when he removed to Northampton, and there established a homestead on a site that is now included in the grounds of Smith College. He was a man of sterling parts, and held among other public offices that of Judge of the District Court. His son John, who was occupied much as his father had been, first married in 1677 Sarah Cooper, who bore him a daughter, Sarah, afterward wife of Zachariah Field. He married again March 20, 1679, Mary Strong, daughter of Elder John Strong. His son, John Clark, Jr., married October 31, 1704, Elizabeth Cook, daughter of Noah Cook and grand-daughter of Major Aaron Cook, and reared five sons and

six daughters, nearly all of whom had families. The youngest son, Josiah, lived to be ninety-two; and at the time of his death there were living nine hundred and twenty-eight descendants of his grandfather, of whom at one time there were eleven hundred and fifty-eight. Eliakim, son of John Clark, Jr., was the great-great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He removed from Northampton to what is now Easthampton, where he was one of the early settlers and a large landholder, and gave the land for the East Street Cemetery. He married December 10, 1730, Esther Wright, daughter of Ebenezer Wright and grand-daughter of Samuel Wright, Jr., who was killed by Indians at Northfield, September 22, 1675. His son Asahel, our subject's great-grandfather, was a soldier in the French and Indian wars, in active service at Lake George in 1755, and at Ticonderoga in 1758. He also served in the Revolutionary army, being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. He married October 31, 1761, Submit Clapp, daughter of Major Jonathan Clapp. His son Eliakim, Horace L. Clark's grandfather, enlisted as a minute-man in 1777, and fought in the ranks of the Revolutionary army when a youth of eighteen. He first went to the war, on alarm to Ticonderoga, at the age of fifteen, with his grandfather, Major Jonathan Clapp, a member of one of the most distinguished families of Northampton, of whom an extended account is given on another page. Eliakim Clark died in 1828, at the age of sixty-one. He was three times married, and had several children by each wife. He was the father of the twin brothers, Willis Gaylord Clark, editor of the Philadelphia *Gazette* and a poet of some note, and Lewis Gaylord Clark, of the *Knickerbocker Magazine*. The mother of Horace L. Clark's father was Lydia, daughter of Jonathan and Lydia (Lyman) Kingsley.



HORACE L. CLARK.



Anson Kingsley Clark was born in 1790, and was the oldest of his father's children. He also was a soldier, served in the War of 1812, and died in 1864. In 1815 he was united in marriage with Laura, daughter of Eli and Sarah (Lyman) Brown, of Easthampton, who also was of Revolutionary stock, both of her grandfathers, Captain Silas Brown and Captain David Lyman, having a record of service as Lieutenants in the Second Hampshire County Regiment. She died in 1879, and her remains rest with those of her husband in the West Springfield Cemetery. Of their children the following reached adult life: Harriet, wife of Harrison Bennett, now deceased; Mary Ann, deceased, wife of Oliver F. Pinney, of Springfield; Edson and Julia W. Clark, in West Springfield; and Horace Lyman, whose name heads this article.

Horace L. Clark finished his education at the Chicopee High School in 1853. He first worked as a salesman in a store of South Hadley, and from 1856 to 1860 was in Darien and Savannah, Ga. In 1862 he entered the employ of the Williston & Knight Company, and for the past twelve years has been secretary and superintendent of these large mills—a responsible position, which only a man of business ability and mental acumen could fill successfully. He is a Director of Easthampton Public Library Association and of the Easthampton Gas Company, as well as of the Williston & Knight Company.

On May 18, 1869, he was married to Sarah Webster, of Owego, N.Y., daughter of Moses L. Webster, of Vermont, and they have an interesting family of three daughters: Mary Webster Clark, a graduate of Smith College in the class of 1895; and Alice and Edith, young ladies in the class of 1898 in the same college. Mr. Clark votes in the ranks of the Republican party, and is interested in public

matters, although not an active politician. He is a Knight Templar, being Past Master of Ionic Lodge. For some years he has been Deacon and Treasurer of the Payson Congregational Church, of which his wife and family are also members. He has a pleasant home on Park Street, which he erected in 1870.



NSLOW G. SPELMAN, a retired manufacturer and one of the most wealthy residents of Williamsburg, was born in Granville, Mass., September 11, 1821, son of Aaron and Elizabeth (Gross) Spelman. Mr. Spelman's grandfather, Elijah Spelman, was born in Granville, Mass. He was descended from the Spelman that originally settled in Durham, Conn. Aaron Spelman was born August 18, 1792, and received a good education. He settled in Granville, where he became a school-teacher. He was accidentally killed March 21, 1828, while cutting wood for the church and parsonage. His wife, Elizabeth Gross, was born May 8, 1793. She became the mother of four children, as follows: Solon S.; Onslow G.; Oscar F.; and Urseline, who died at an early age. The mother died October 26, 1848.

Onslow G. Spelman was but seven years of age at the time of his father's death. At about the age of ten years he went to Westfield, Mass., where he entered into an agreement with a Mr. Dewey to work for his board, clothing, and education until sixteen. Six months before arriving at the required age he purchased his time, and went to North Hadley, where he worked on a farm, and engaged in broom-making. After pursuing a course at the Buckland Academy, he went to Haydenville, and obtained employment in Josiah Hayden's pen factory. Finding the work in the factory not to his liking, he entered the

store as a clerk, at a salary of twenty-five dollars per year and board. When twenty-one, he took a vacation, during which time he sold steel pens to help bear his expenses. He spent the following winter in a store in Northampton, and in the spring of 1843 came to Williamsburg, where for three years he acted as clerk and travelling salesman for Mr. Thayer. When D. W. Graves established his button manufactory, Mr. Spelman became its general manager. He later secured an interest in the business, after which the firm was known as O. G. Spelman & Co. Under his energetic management the business rapidly developed, finally becoming an important industry. An interesting feature of the management was the establishment by the company of a store in connection with their business, in which they carried on a profitable trade. The firm finally dissolved; and Mr. Spelman rented a factory on Mill River, which he soon after purchased. There he conducted a successful business until the buildings were swept away by the flood of 1874. He rebuilt the factory, and then sold it. He afterward became interested in another button factory for the space of three years more, when he retired. He also had an interest in the Textile Manufacturing Company of Westfield, Mass., being the president and general manager. This connection he resigned one year later, and then permanently retired from active business. In 1864 he erected his present residence on Main Street, one of the finest and most substantial houses in the village.

In 1849 Mr. Spelman was united in marriage to Harriet B. Sears. She died at the age of fifty-nine, leaving one daughter, Elizabeth, who resides at home. He wedded for his second wife Mrs. Olive (Merrill) Guild, daughter of Ira Merrill. He is independent

in politics. That he has climbed to so high a rung on the ladder of life from the ground must be entirely credited to his own efforts. A life such as his is a liberal education in pluck and perseverance for our young men of to-day.

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**E**VERETT C. STONE, editor and proprietor of the Northampton *Daily Herald*, was born at Newburyport, Mass. He is a son of John Q. A. Stone, who is now a resident of Danielson, Conn., publishing the Windham County *Transcript*, and is one of the oldest and best-known editors in that State.

Everett C. Stone received his elementary education in the public schools. He began to attend Phillips Academy at Andover, intending to take a full course of study, but failing health obliged him to abandon his purpose. He early became acquainted with the "art preservative," and made his first business venture in 1871 by starting the Putnam *Patriot* at Putnam, Conn. He continued its publication eleven years, selling out in 1882, and removing to Worcester, Mass. There Mr. Stone engaged in job printing and book publishing. He also established the Worcester *Home Journal*, a weekly paper, which he disposed of in 1885. Coming then to Northampton, he bought the Hampshire *Herald*, which was then published as a two-cent daily. Lowering the price to one cent, and changing the name to the Northampton *Daily Herald*, he has since successfully continued its publication. It is the oldest daily paper published in Hampshire County, and under his efficient management the circulation has increased sixfold. Mr. Stone, when reducing the price of the paper, increased its size, which is now double what it was originally. He has also erected the new three-story block in which his

printing establishment is located. The plant, which is one of the best-equipped in this vicinity, includes a Webb perfecting press and type-setting machine.

WILBUR H. H. WARD, a retired business man of Amherst, was born in Southbridge, Mass., April 8, 1845, son of John B. and Louisa (Cook) Ward, and grandson of Reuben H. and Polly (Shaw) Ward.

Mr. Ward's grandparents were natives of Belchertown, where his great-grandfather, John Ward, was an early settler. He owned a good farm there, and was generally known as an industrious and honest man. Both he and his wife lived to advanced age. They had a family of four sons and two daughters. John Ward was a member of the State militia, and was in Springfield at the time of Shays's Rebellion. Politically, he was a Democrat. His son, Reuben H. Ward, succeeding to the ownership of the homestead, was engaged during his lifetime in agricultural pursuits. He prospered in his undertakings, and he owned land at the time of his death aggregating one hundred and twenty-five acres. Politically, he was independent. In religious matters his views were not restricted by creed, being broadly liberal. He died at the age of seventy-five. Grandmother Ward lived to be eighty-two. They had a family of seven sons and six daughters, four of whom are now living, namely: John B., the father of our subject; Warren S., in Michigan; Alfred, in Gilbertville; Lutheria (Mrs. Davis), in South Orange.

John B. Ward, the father of Mr. Ward, was educated in the schools of Belchertown. As a first attempt at earning a livelihood he hired out as a farm hand at ten dollars a month,

and later he worked in the woollen factories of Ware and Southbridge. After fourteen years of factory life he purchased four hundred acres of land in Pelham, and engaged in lumbering and general farming. From 1850 to 1868 he was the largest tax-payer in Pelham. He was also the most extensive farmer, and was prominent as a lumberman. In September, 1868, he purchased the handsome estate where he and his son, Wilbur, now reside, and retired from active work. Mr. Ward's early years were devoted to hard and persevering labor, and he is now enjoying its fruits. Politically, he favors the Democratic party. In religious views, like his father, he is liberal. His wife, to whom he was united May 15, 1837, was born in Pelham, June 23, 1815, daughter of Ziba and Sally Cook. Ziba Cook was a leading man in his district, and represented Pelham in the legislature several terms. Mrs. Ward died at Amherst, March 11, 1872.

Wilbur H. H. Ward was the only child of his parents. He was quite young when they removed to Pelham, and in that town received his early education, afterward attending other schools in Hampshire County. In 1866 he engaged in the bakery business in Springfield, with W. C. Wedge as partner. One year later they removed to Holyoke, and for some nine years conducted a successful trade in that town. In 1876 Mr. Ward went to New York City, and there was engaged as a baker till 1887, when he disposed of his business, and moved to Amherst, deciding

"To husband out life's taper at the close,  
And keep the flame from wasting, by repose."

On February 16, 1865, Mr. Ward was married to Elizabeth A., daughter of Lemuel C. and Lucy Wedge, born in Pelham, January 5, 1846. Mr. and Mrs. Ward have no children.

Mr. Ward votes the Democratic ticket. In religious views he is liberal, while his wife is a member of the Episcopal church. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and was one of the charter members of the Association of Knights of Pythias in Holyoke. He has been a very successful man in business; and his residence on North Prospect Street, in the beautiful college town of Amherst, is one of the handsomest homes in the vicinity.

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**L**EVI CHURCH, deceased since August 24, 1889, who was a successful farmer for many years in South Hadley, was born April 27, 1828. Josiah Church, his father, born March 7, 1790, was one of the early settlers of the locality. He bought a tract of wild land, from which he cleared a farm, and on it spent the remainder of a long and useful life, which terminated April 23, 1855. Josiah's wife, whose maiden name was Sallie Smith, was born May 29, 1791, and died on the old homestead July 3, 1834. She bore her husband eight children, one of whom died in infancy. The record of the others is as follows: Luther, born April 18, 1830, is the only one now living; Waitstell, born December 10, 1818, died September 7, 1846; Russell, born October 3, 1820, died January 10, 1866; Eli, born June 5, 1822, died June 9, 1866; Dorcas, born October 6, 1825, died January 22, 1879; Levi, the subject of this notice; and Marinda, born February 17, 1832, died April 11, 1848.

After the death of his father Levi Church assumed the management of the home farm. In the course of time he made many substantial improvements, placing the eighty-two acres of land in an excellent state of cultivation, and rendering it one of the best farms in the vicinity. He was a man of enterprise

and energy, and had a spirit not easily daunted by difficulties. In due time his pluck and perseverance brought him competency. He was much respected for his integrity, and, though never very prominent in local matters, served two years as Assessor. He married Mary A. Stebbim, of Granby, a daughter of Austin Stebbim. Their household circle was enlarged by the birth of four children, as follows: Edgar, born February 22, 1859, died August 31, 1859; Edwin J., born November 6, 1860, now owner and occupant of the old homestead; Mary F., born September 22, 1862, married F. A. Luther, of Canton, Ohio; and Carrie M., born April 15, 1865, died in 1892. Mrs. Church, who was a true helpmeet to her husband, aiding and encouraging him in all his ventures, is still living, making her home by turns with her son and daughter.

Edwin J. Church, the only living son, received a practical training from his father in the business of farming. Since taking possession of the estate he has managed it with remarkable success. He married Eliza C. Judd; and, of the two children that came of the union, one died in infancy. The survivor, Cleora Catherine, was born September 18, 1893. Mr. Church is a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church.

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**C**HARLES E. STEVENS, a resident of Ware and one of the leading woolen manufacturers in the country, was born in the town, April 21, 1843, and is a son of Charles A. and Maria (Tyler) Stevens.

His grandfather, Nathaniel Stevens, was born in Andover, Mass., in the year 1783. During the active period of his life he was successfully engaged in the manufacture of



CHARLES E. STEVENS.



woollen goods at North Andover, Mass. He married Miss Harriot Hale, a native of Chelmsford, Middlesex County; and they reared a family of nine children, eight of whom married. There were four sons and five daughters. Five are now living, namely: Henry H. Stevens, of Lexington, Ky.; Moses T. Stevens, a very successful woollen manufacturer at North Andover, who was for four years a member of Congress, and has held various other prominent positions; Julia M., the widow of S. S. Hunting, residing at Des Moines, Ia.; Catherine, who married Oliver Stevens, of Boston; and Eliza, the wife of J. H. D. Smith, living in Boston. Their father died in April, 1865, seventy-eight years of age, and their mother in January, 1882, eighty-eight years old.

Charles A. Stevens, who was born in North Andover, Mass., August 9, 1815, worked for his father for a short time after ceasing to attend school. In 1841 he removed to Ware, and in company with the late George H. Gilbert started in the woollen business for himself. Ten years later the firm of Gilbert & Stevens was dissolved, and he conducted the business alone up to 1872. At this time he took his son, Charles E. Stevens, into partnership with him; and they did a thriving and successful business up to the time of his death. Besides his mill interests, he was connected with other large business enterprises. Among them were the Turner's Falls Water Company, the John Russell Cutlery Company, the Cotton and Woollen Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Boston, and the Ware Savings Bank. He was President of each of the last three, and was the last survivor of the original incorporators of the Ware Savings Bank, which was organized in 1850. He was a member of the State legislature in 1852, a member of Governor Bullock's

Council in 1866 and 1867, and Congressman to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of Alvah Crocker, of Fitchburg, after he died. In 1853 he was one of the leaders in organizing the Ware Fire Department, of which he served as the first Chief Engineer. In politics he was a stanch Republican, and served as a delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1860 and 1868.

He was married on April 20, 1842, to Maria Tyler, a daughter of Jonathan Tyler, of Lowell, Mass. Their wedded life was spent in Ware, where their five children—four sons and a daughter—were born. One son died in infancy, and Nathaniel lived to be but four and a half years of age. The survivors are as follows: Charles E. Stevens, the subject of this sketch; Jonathan Tyler Stevens, of Lowell; and Julia M. S., the wife of Dr. J. H. Jolliffe, of New York City. Their mother died March 3, 1881, sixty-five years of age, and their father on April 7, 1892. He was with his daughter in New York at the time, and his funeral occurred just eight months from the time of her marriage. The burial was in the family lot at Aspen Grove Cemetery in Ware. As marks of respect to the memory of the deceased the business offices and stores of the town were closed during the funeral services. The mill of Charles A. Stevens & Co. was closed from Saturday noon until the following Wednesday, and for two hours preceding the services a thousand of the mill operatives and their wives viewed the remains.

Charles E. Stevens received a good practical common-school education. He was reared to the manufacturing business, and became a partner in his father's business in 1872, when the firm title was changed to Charles A. Stevens & Co. At his father's death he became the sole proprietor, and has continued

to do a most successful business, keeping up the standard of excellence for which the goods manufactured by that company have become so well known throughout the country. He also succeeded his father as President of the John Russell Cutlery Company, and is a Director of the Turner's Falls Water Company, of the Cotton and Woollen Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Boston, of the Ware National Bank, of the Ware River Railroad Company, of the Ware River Manufacturing Company; and he is a Trustee of the Ware Savings Bank.

His political principles are Republican. In 1882 he was chosen a member of the House of Representatives, and for 1889-90 served as a Senator in the legislature. For two years he was a member of the State Central Committee, and was elected a member of the Governor's Council in 1894 and 1895. The accompanying portrait of Mr. Stevens will be widely recognized and appreciated.

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ALDO HUNT WHITCOMB, of Northampton, the collector and possessor of one of the finest antiquarian collections in the United States, was born on the estate where he resides, at the corner of State and Park Streets, January 26, 1840. He is the son of David B. and Nancy (Clapp) Whitcomb, and comes of good old New England stock.

His grandfather, James Whitcomb, was a farmer in humble circumstances, who, being of a roving disposition, moved often, and aptly illustrated the old adage that "a rolling stone gathers no moss." He was a very eccentric man, a genius in many respects, with a natural knack for mechanics. Moving from Braintree to Goshen shortly after his marriage, he made by hand all the nails used in building the

Baptist church in the latter town. He lived some time in Brookfield, Mass.; and while there his home was destroyed by fire. His son David, the father of Waldo Hunt Whitcomb, was wont to relate how the neighbors, on this occasion, moved with pity for the family, brought in nine pair of knee breeches, then going out of style, while no one offered to replenish the empty larder. James Whitcomb was twice married, and reared six daughters and one son, David. All married and had families, the youngest to die being twenty-one years of age at the time of death.

David B. Whitcomb's birth was coincident with that of the last year of the eighteenth century, as he was born in the first hour of the year 1800. His parents moved from Goshen to Williamsburg, and in the latter place David worked on a farm for a time, until 1815, when he started to learn the painter's trade at Pittsfield. In 1822 he obtained work at his trade in Northampton, and was six years in the employ of the late Elijah Abbott. From 1828 to 1832 he was in business with John Moies, and in the latter year he began to take contracts alone. He was a very painstaking workman, never slighting his work, but taking great pride in doing it well; and it is safe to say that the town never had a more reliable or honest tradesman. His merit was fully recognized, and secured for him contracts from the best line of customers in the town. Beginning life in comparative poverty, he had a long struggle with adversity. He settled on one acre of ground in 1832, on what is now the corner of State and Park Streets, and within a few years a great part of his land was taken from him to make a way for the Northampton & New Haven Canal, no indemnity being paid for the right of way. He also had to struggle against boycotting and other annoyances inflicted upon him by prominent citizens

of Northampton who differed from him in religious and political opinions, but his unswerving integrity and steady perseverance carried him through. Though he did not amass wealth, he attained a fair amount of prosperity and won the respect of all. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat and an influential factor in local politics. He was several times nominated for the legislature, to lead the forlorn hope of the Democrats; but, as the Republican party was in the ascendant in that district, he was always defeated. He died on September 6, 1881, the memorable "yellow day," and was laid to rest in the Northampton cemetery.

On May 19, 1828, David B. Whitcomb married Nancy, daughter of Bohan and Anna (Lavake) Clapp, of Northampton. Mrs. Whitcomb was born January 10, 1800, and comes of a well-known Northampton family, from whom it is evident the subject of this sketch inherited his love for the antique and the beautiful. She was a thrifty and industrious woman, and earned enough money at dress-making to buy a lot of land on which her husband erected a home for the family. She died March 10, 1866, in her sixty-seventh year, and was interred in the Northampton cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb were the parents of six children, two of whom died in infancy. Of the others the following may be stated: Julia A. is the wife of William Moody, of Northampton; David B. resides on the homestead where his father died; Waldo H. is the subject of this sketch; Parker Richardson, who was born January 26, 1842, went to New York City in 1866, made and lost a fortune of ten thousand dollars, made a larger one again, and is now a wealthy dealer in patent medicines, owning a handsome residence and other valuable property in New York.

Waldo Hunt Whitcomb received his educa-

tion in the district schools, from his tenth to his nineteenth year attending school in the winter only, working in the summer season, when he received for his labor two shillings a day. He took his first lessons in painting when twelve years of age, and at eighteen was trusted by his father with the full management of contracts. As his father advanced in years, Waldo and his brother David shouldered the responsibilities of the business, which was carried on under the name of D. B. Whitcomb's Sons. Our subject remained at home while his parents were alive, and, when a man of twenty-eight, was still turning in his earnings to the family fund. The brothers are yet carrying on the business established by their father, and the name Whitcomb is still a synonym for first-class painting. Waldo Hunt Whitcomb is also the efficient agent for the Burnham School, looking after the laundry and the provisions for the boarding-halls. He has been agent for Miss Capen for several years at a good salary. His residence at the corner of Park and State Streets, was originally a barn in the rear of the old Whitcomb estate. The dwelling-house is the home of fifty of the girl students who attend the Capen School; and Mr. Whitcomb has made of the barn a most unique residence, equipped with electric bells and all modern conveniences. He lives in the upper story, the ground floor is his paint shop, and the basement contains a wine cellar that would delight an epicure, the cobwebs of twenty-five years festooning bottles of Madeira and brown sherry. But Mr. Whitcomb's great treasure is his collection of antique curios, a collection which, if it should ever be sold, would bring more than compound interest on the money he has invested in it. He has rare engravings, books, china that would set a collector in a frenzy to possess it, photographs, medals commemorat-

ing events in the history of this country, and antique pictures so rare as to be almost priceless. On the easterly side of his dwelling is a room built of parts taken from an old house torn down in Hadley in 1889, the home of S. D. Smith, on Hadley's famous street, built in 1714. It is an exact reproduction of a room of nearly two centuries ago. The old strap hinges appear on the doors, the old locks and door latches are just as they were one hundred and eighty years ago, and so likewise are the mantel and fireplace. In one corner of the room is a corner closet that was in the home of Preserved Clapp, and set up as it was built by Roger Clapp one hundred and seventy-five years ago. The Clapps, it will be remembered, were Mr. Whitcomb's mother's family; and their home, which was built in 1719, was on South Street, Northampton. In this room Mr. Whitcomb gives famous birthday parties; and the mayor and other city officials who have been his guests, and have tasted of his good cheer, can testify to the rare quality of his hospitality. Politically, Mr. Whitcomb believes firmly in the principles of the Democratic party. He is a close observer of national affairs, and is well versed in political economy, reading extensively on that subject. He has served as delegate to various conventions, representing city, county, and State. His only fraternal affiliation is with the Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Whitcomb still enjoys the freedom of celibacy.

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BENEZER GOLDTWAIT, one of the worthy and industrious agriculturists of Hampshire County, was born January 20, 1821, in South Hadley Falls. His father, also named Ebenezer Goldthwait, was born in the town of Granby, and there reared to manhood. Having gone to South Hadley

Falls, he became an employee of the late Chester W. Chapin, driving the stage on the old route from South Hadley to Springfield. He subsequently went South, and for a few years was engaged as a stage driver at Richmond, Va. After his return to Springfield, he worked in the city stables for a time. Then he went to New Haven, Conn., where he spent his last years, dying in 1856. He was married three times. His first wife, Minerva Day, died in South Hadley in 1822, leaving two children: Ebenezer, the subject of this sketch; and George S., deceased. His second wife, whose maiden name was Esther Tibble, died shortly after their marriage, leaving no issue. Almira Pardee, who became his third wife, was born at Branford, Conn., and died in New Britain. She bore him six children: Esther M., E. Augusta, Helen M., Charles E., Phebe H., and I. Henry.

Ebenezer, Jr., was the architect of his own fortune. By his untiring energy and sagacity and the diligent use of his opportunities he has steadily made his way toward the top rung of the ladder. After reaching his majority, he worked by the month for neighboring farmers for seven years. Then he went to Connecticut, and spent the next eight years at burnishing plated ware in a silversmith's shop in Glastonbury. Returning after that period to Granby, he purchased twenty-six acres of land; and later, having prospered with his first purchase, he invested in more land, making the total forty acres. Mr. Goldthwait devotes his entire attention to his property, and the result is visible in several marked improvements. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party, but has never sought official favors.

Mr. Goldthwait has been twice married. His first wife, Orpha C. Dickinson, a daugh-

ter of Abner Mosley and Ruth (Warner) Dickinson and a sister of Mrs. Francis S. Stebbins, died May 6, 1882. She left one daughter, Clara, wife of Willard A. Taylor, a sketch of whose life will be found on another page. On October 10, 1883, Mr. Goldthwait married his second wife, Miss Dorothy A. Avery, a native of Northampton, born February 6, 1832. Her father, Lyman Avery, was born in Wallingford, Conn., but afterward located in Easthampton, where he engaged in farming, living there until his decease, December 4, 1837. He married Rachel Clark, a life-long resident of Easthampton, and they became the parents of six children, namely: Julia Ann; Lysander Clark; Rachel Jane, deceased; Noyes Lyman, deceased; Dorothy A., Mrs. Goldthwait; and Lewis Lyman. Mr. and Mrs. Goldthwait are members of the Congregational church, and are active workers in religious circles.

He has enjoyed a long period of prosperity in that business, which he has carried on in Boston at 114 State Street, and later at 5 Chatham Row. He still works at the trade, and is regarded as the oldest book-binder in Boston. He is a Unitarian in religion, and has supported the principles of the Republican party since its formation. His wife, Sarah H. (Howe) Humphrey, who was born in Boston, has had three children: Frank H., who died at the age of fifteen; Susie G., who died at the age of eight; and Charles E., the subject of this sketch.

Charles E. Humphrey was educated in the schools of Cambridge, Mass. He learned the trade of a book-binder with his father, and continued to work in the finishing department of the business. In 1885 poor health caused him to relinquish the trade and seek an occupation which would not require so much indoor confinement. He accordingly moved to Pelham, where he settled upon his present farm of sixty-five acres, and has since conducted general farming with success. Mr. Humphrey is actively interested in public affairs, and has served with ability in various town offices. At present, in addition to the office already mentioned, he holds those of Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, and superintendent of schools. He is independent in politics. On October 8, 1874, he was united in marriage to Eleanor B. Smith, daughter of Lemuel and Mary Smith, of South Hadley Falls, now deceased.

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**C**HARLES E. HUMPHREY, a prominent resident of Pelham and a member of the Board of Selectmen, was born in Boston, June 15, 1850, and is son of Benjamin F. and Sarah (Howe) Humphrey. The grandfather of Mr. Humphrey, Noah Humphrey, was one of the early settlers of Pelham. He was a cabinet-maker, carried on a wood-turning business, and owned a good farm, which he worked to advantage. He subsequently moved to Oakham, Mass., where he died, at the age of eighty-nine. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, Mary P. Humphrey, became the mother of eight children, of whom Benjamin F., Mr. Humphrey's father, is the youngest. She died at the age of eighty-two.

Benjamin F. Humphrey was born in Pelham, and learned the trade of book-binder.

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**C**APTAIN CHARLES E. TILES-TON, a prosperous farmer of Williamsburg and a veteran of the Civil War, son of Cornelius and Elvira (Williams) Tileston, was born in Williamsburg, October 20, 1829. His grandfather, Cornelius Tiles-

ton, Sr., was an early settler in Williamsburg, and resided upon the farm which is now owned by Mr. Breckenridge. He served as a private in the Revolutionary War, and died in Williamsburg at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. He married Sarah Ludden, of Williamsburg, and became the father of the following children: John, Sabra, Elisha, Wales, Betsey, and Cornelius. The mother died in her ninetieth year.

Cornelius Tileston, Jr., Captain Tileston's father, was born in Williamsburg in 1798. He resided with his parents until reaching manhood, when he bought a farm, and engaged in agriculture. He also conducted a store and a hotel successfully, becoming in the course of time a prosperous business man. He was prominent in public affairs, serving with ability as Selectman and in other town offices. Cornelius Tileston, Jr., died at the age of sixty-four years. His wife, Elvira Williams, was a daughter of Gross and Mary (Washburn) Williams, and her eight children were named as follows: George; Madeline; Charles E.; Henry; Faxon; Elizabeth; Edward; and Mary Ann, who died young.

Charles E. Tileston remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-two years, at which time he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade. After serving an apprenticeship of three years, he has adopted that trade as his principal occupation, working for some time in New York, and also in Ohio. In the latter State he resided eight years, in which period he purchased some land and engaged in agriculture. In 1862 he enlisted in Company I, Fifty-second Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, under Colonel H. S. Greenleaf; and at the organization of the company he was appointed its Captain. He served eleven months, and participated in the battles of Franklin and Port Hudson, La., under Gen-

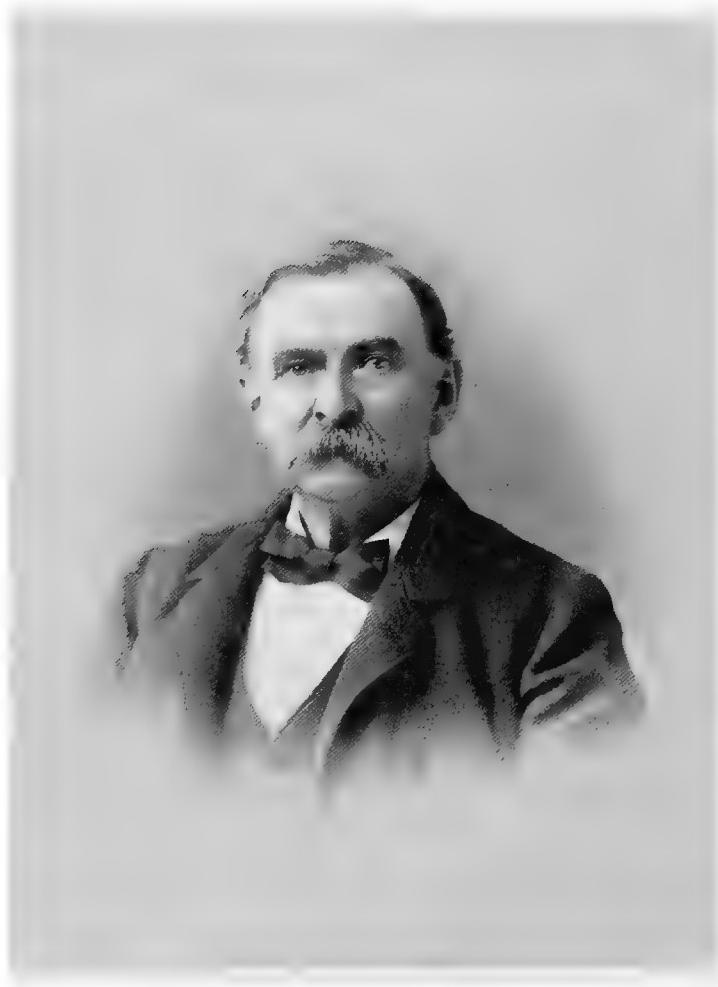
eral Banks, and at Jackson Cross-roads. After receiving his discharge, he returned to Williamsburg, and resumed his former occupation. He later engaged in farming upon the property he now occupies; and in 1866 he built a new house, completing a new barn four years later. He carries on a small dairy, and is interested in the Co-operative Creamery.

In 1861 Captain Tileston was united in marriage to Maria Thayer. She was the daughter of Minot and Cynthia (Hill) Thayer, the father having been a well-to-do farmer and a highly respected citizen of Williamsburg. He died at an advanced age, leaving his farm of seventy acres to his daughter Maria. His other children were: Henry, Henry C., Cordelia, Willard H., Sarah B., Sedate M., Alvin E., Charles M., and Cynthia M. Mrs. Tileston's mother died at a ripe old age. Captain and Mrs. Tileston have one daughter, named Inez B., who, with her husband, G. H. Bisbee, resides with them upon the farm.

Since taking possession of the farm, Captain Tileston has improved the property, and added ten acres of adjoining land. He is a Republican in politics and a comrade of Post No. 86, Grand Army of the Republic, of Northampton.

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 CHARLES L. WARNER, a prosperous farmer of Hatfield, was born at the Warner homestead, in this town, April 11, 1837, son of James W. and Lois B. (Longley) Warner. Mr. Warner is a descendant of Andrew Warner, one of the earliest inhabitants of Cambridge, Mass., as stated in Paige's History, residing there in 1635, but selling his estate in December, 1636, and moving to Connecticut. In 1659 Andrew Warner settled in Hadley, Mass.,



CHARLES L. WARNER.



where he died in 1684. Among his children were: Andrew, Daniel, Isaac, Jacob, Robert, John, and Mary.

Daniel Warner settled in Hatfield, where he owned the farm which is now in possession of S. F. Billings, and was here engaged in farming until his death. He married Martha Boltwood as his second wife, it is said, and had a large family of children, among whom may here be named: Mary, Daniel, Sarah, Andrew, Abraham, Anna, Ebenezer, and Elizabeth. Ebenezer, son of Daniel and Martha B. Warner, was born in Hatfield, and settled upon a farm in Belchertown, Mass. He married Ruth Ely; and his son Moses, who married Sarah Porter, was the father of Deacon Moses Warner, great-grandfather of Charles L. Warner. Deacon Moses Warner was born in Belchertown in 1754, was there reared to farm life, and subsequently moved from Belchertown to Hatfield, where he bought the farm known as the Billings homestead. On June 4, 1779, he married Mary King; and their children were: John, Elisha, Sarah, Mary, and Moses.

John Warner, son of Deacon Moses, was born in Hatfield. In early manhood he was engaged in teaming between Hatfield and Boston, carrying produce to market, and returning with merchandise. He later entered mercantile business, and also conducted a farm. In 1806 he married Caroline Whiton, who was born in Lee, Mass., December 6, 1786. They became the parents of seven children, as follows: Mary, John S., Jonathan D., Caroline R., Eliza, Lydia A., and James W. John Warner died in 1823.

James W. Warner, son of John, and above named as the father of Charles L. Warner, was born in Hatfield, May 11, 1809. He settled on the homestead, and was a progressive and prosperous farmer. He died November

20, 1891. He was a Democrat in politics. His wife, Lois B. Longley, whom he married March 30, 1836, was born January 14, 1816, and she became the mother of eleven children, namely: Charles L.; Mary L., born November 26, 1838, now the wife of W. D. Billings, of Hatfield; Sarah A., born March 26, 1841, now wife of C. B. Bardwell; Moses E., born February 3, 1843; Egbert S., born February 5, 1845; John A., born October 10, 1846, who married Elizabeth Bacon; James D., born in 1849, who married Hannah Buck; Benjamin M., born January 14, 1853, who married Ella E. Fitch; George W., born July 5, 1855, who married Lillian Fisher; Caroline L., born February 15, 1858, now the wife of Arthur G. Holt; and Lewis W., who was born October 25, 1860, and died in 1864. Mrs. James W. Warner died on January 10, 1890.

Charles L. Warner received his education in the schools of Hatfield, and resided with his parents until reaching the age of twenty-two years. He has since conducted farming on his own account. He is a leading tobacco grower, fifteen acres of his farm being devoted to that product, and his crop averaging one and one-half tons to the acre. He is a Republican in politics, and has served as a Selectman and an Assessor.

In 1865 Mr. Warner was united in marriage to Maria E. Fitch, of Hatfield, daughter of John T. and Julia (White) Fitch. Mrs. Warner's great-grandparents, Ebenezer and Abigail Fitch, were early settlers in Hatfield. Ebenezer Fitch was a surveyor, also a successful agriculturist, and was a prominent man in the town. He died in 1825, aged eighty-nine years, his wife having died in 1818, aged seventy-three. Mrs. Warner's grandfather, John Fitch, was born in Hatfield, and followed general farming. A man

of energy and enterprise, he erected a new house and barn, and remodelled his other farm buildings. He also bought the old White Tavern, which he moved back from the road to use for storage purposes, and which still stands as a landmark in the town. John Fitch died at the age of sixty-one years. His wife, Rachel Applebee, died in 1833, aged forty-seven. Their son, John T. Fitch, succeeded to the ownership of his father's place, becoming a prosperous farmer, and in his later years a very successful tobacco grower. He was a Republican in politics, and became prominent in public affairs, serving as a Selectman and an Assessor; and in 1862 he represented his district in the legislature. His wife, Julia White, whom he wedded March 3, 1842, was born May 17, 1821, daughter of Nehemiah and Sarah (Cogswell) White, the former of whom was a carpenter and cabinet-maker of Williamsburg. The children of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Fitch were: Maria E., Mrs. Warner; and Herbert, who died aged three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner have had three children, namely: Harry, born in 1867, who died at the age of six years; Edwin, born August 11, 1872, who married Myra Field, and has one son, named Harold; and Luda F., born January 27, 1877, who resides at home.

The portrait, presented on an adjoining page, of the leading subject of the foregoing sketch will be of interest to the general reader as the likeness of a worthy representative of one of the first families of the historic old town of Hadley.

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**H**ARRY P. OTIS, general superintendent of the Emery Wheel Company at Northampton, Mass., was born in Manchester, Conn., in 1853, son of General John Lord and Catherine (Preston) Otis. His grandfather, Hayden Otis, who was a res-

ident of Lyme, Conn., was a seafaring man, engaged in fishing, and met his death by drowning in the Connecticut River when about sixty years of age. His wife, who was a Miss Lord, became the mother of ten children, six sons and four daughters, of whom two sons and a daughter are yet living.

John Lord Otis, father of Harry P. Otis, was born in Lyme, Conn., in 1827. His childhood's days were brief, as he began to work in a cotton-mill when eight years of age. At that time there were no trades-unions to protect children, and he spent sixteen hours a day at his work. But his mental or physical growth was not stunted by this unnatural life, for his after career was an exceptionally brilliant and successful one. When twenty-five years of age, he became one of a firm of stockinet manufacturers in Manchester, Conn., with no capital but his experience. In 1861 he joined the troops going to the front, enlisting at Manchester, Conn. He entered the army as a Lieutenant, and at the end of his term of service bore the rank of General, and was subsequently brevetted Brigadier-general. He was in active service from 1861 to 1864, and was twice wounded, his scars as well as his epaulets being visible proof that he had done his duty. In 1863 he located in Florence, Mass., and took charge of the Florence Machine Works as superintendent. In 1867, in company with Lucien B. Williams, he established the emery wheel business in the same town. The plant was subsequently removed to Leeds, where the General continued in active business up to the time of his death, which occurred in March, 1894. He was a prominent Republican, and served three terms in the legislature, one of which was spent in the Senate. He was also on the Board of Selectmen of Northampton, and was a prominent Knight Templar.

General Otis married Catherine Preston, daughter of Cyrus and Olive (Gleason) Preston, all of South Hadley. Her grandfather, Samuel Preston, was also a native of South Hadley, and there spent his life, engaged in general farming. He lived to an advanced age, and reared a large family. Cyrus Preston, maternal grandfather of Harry P. Otis, was a carpenter by trade, and for many years a contractor and builder in South Hadley. He reared, besides his daughter Olive, one son, Elbridge, who died in the prime of life, leaving a wife and child. Mrs. Otis resides at 19 Main Street, where her husband erected a home in 1866, and where, with the exception of one year spent in Leeds, she has resided ever since. She reared two sons: Harry P., the subject of this sketch; and Philip Arthur, who has charge of the company's emery goods and machinery at Chicago.

Harry P. Otis graduated from the Massachusetts State Agricultural College in 1875, qualifying as a civil engineer. He entered the works of the Emery Wheel Company shortly after graduation, and has been actively interested in that business ever since, eventually taking his father's place. He is general superintendent and director of the Northampton branch of the Emery Wheel Company's enterprise, occupying the former position for the past fifteen years. The prosperous condition of the company's affairs and the length of Mr. Otis's continuous term of service together practically demonstrate his efficiency as manager. Mr. Otis is also President of the Norwood Engineering Company.

In November, 1883, Harry P. Otis was united in marriage with Nannie M., daughter of Charles W. and Sarah (Eldridge) Worth, of Nantucket. Of the union there have been born: Preston, a promising boy of ten; and Berenice, a little woman of eight years.

Mr. Otis votes the Republican ticket, generally is active in municipal affairs, and has served as Councilman, Alderman, and Clerk of Registry. He has a handsome and home-like residence at 104 North Main Street, which he purchased soon after marriage.

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**S**HERIDAN E. BARRUS, a prosperous farmer of Goshen and superintendent of stone crushing, son of Loren and Lucinda S. (Naramore) Barrus, was born in Goshen, September 29, 1868. Mr. Barrus's grandparents, Levi and Almeda (Stearns) Barrus, moved from Salem, Mass., to Goshen, where they were among the early settlers, and purchased four hundred acres of land. Levi Barrus was a member of the Baptist church and a Whig in politics. He died at the age of seventy-three. His children were: Hiram, Loren, Charles, Alvin, Laura, Jane, and Theron L.

Loren Barrus, father of Mr. Barrus, was born May 31, 1825. He resided with his parents until reaching the age of twenty-one, when he went to Cummington, where he engaged in the manufacturing of scythe handles. He subsequently worked in Ranney's turning-mill, and was also employed in plane-making. In 1857 he settled upon the Beals farm, and later purchased the Dawes property, where he resided until 1884, when he sold out, and bought the Shipman farm. Here, besides carrying on general farming, he operated a grist-mill that was on the premises. In 1862 he enlisted as a private in the First Massachusetts Cavalry, and served in the Civil War until October, 1864, when illness obliged him to go into hospital. Upon his recovery he acted for some time as ward master of the hospital. He is a Republican in politics, and has served as a Selectman and as Constable.

Loren Barrus's wife, Lucinda S. Naramore, daughter of Franklin and Wealthy P. (Parsons) Naramore, whom he married June 5, 1848, was born in Goshen, December 10, 1828. Their children were: Walter F., who died in infancy; Helen L., wife of W. O. Bartlett; Charles F., who married Minnie Hubbard, now deceased; Fred W., who died aged thirty-six; Anna L., who died at eighteen; Eva, wife of C. Frost; Sheridan E., the subject of this sketch; and Josephine R., wife of C. E. Hubbard. Levi Barrus and his wife are members of the Congregational church.

Sheridan E. Barrus, after taking the usual course in the schools of Goshen, completed his education at Amherst College. At the age of twenty-one he bought an interest in his father's farm, and has since been engaged in general farming and dairying. They keep ten choice Jersey cows, use the separator, and manufacture a superior quality of butter, which they sell to regular customers. Mr. Barrus is a Republican in politics. He superintends the breaking and sorting of stone for use upon the State road, having under his charge a force of twenty men.

On November 14, 1894, Mr. Barrus was united in marriage to Jessie F. Patterson, daughter of William H. and Jane Patterson, and has one child, named Russell Winthrop, who was born August 7, 1895.

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**E**DWARD M. COBB, whose handsome property lies in the town of Chesterfield, is a man of good business capacity, much intelligence, and enterprise, and is deservedly prominent in the agricultural community. A native of Hampshire County, he was born May 20, 1833, in the town of Northampton, being a son of John and Electa (Bolyne) Cobb. His father was a native of

Bridgewater, Mass., where he was engaged for a while in the manufacture of shoes, and also gave instruction in vocal music. After residing in this county for many years, attending professional engagements in Hatfield and the surrounding towns, he died at Northampton in 1860. He was twice married. His first wife, formerly a Miss French, bore him nine children, two of whom are living. His second wife was Miss Bolyne, who survived him, making her home with her children until her decease, which occurred at the home of Mr. Cobb in 1880. Three children were born to them, as follows: Edward M., the subject of this sketch; Lewis B., who married Miss L. Field, and now resides at South Deerfield; and Anna, who lived but eighteen months.

Edward M. Cobb was educated in the common schools of his native town. At the age of eighteen years he entered a broom-making establishment at Northampton, and worked there and in Holyoke for ten years. On October 21, 1861, inspired by patriotic ardor, he enlisted in Company G, under Captain R. R. Swift, of Chicopee, and was assigned to the Twenty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Colonel H. C. Lee, of Springfield. The regiment was sent to the front, and participated in the battles of Roanoke Island and Newbern. In the summer of 1864 it was detached from the division at Norfolk, and Company G went back to North Carolina. On March 8, 1865, the entire company was captured, and taken to Libby Prison. After spending three days here, it was sent to Annapolis, where Mr. Cobb was discharged June 26. On his return to civil life he engaged in his former occupation for two years, and then took charge of his present farm for one year. Then, after staying a short time in Northampton, he came to this town, and conducted the farm of his father-in-law for five

years. After that he purchased his present estate, consisting of one hundred and twenty-five acres of rich and fertile land, in the care and cultivation of which since he has evinced much practical judgment and ability. He has brought the land to its present fine condition, and has made a most pleasant home for himself and wife, as well as an attractive resort for their many friends.

On the first day of May, 1868, Mr. Cobb was united in marriage with Mary A. Dady, a native of Northampton, born August 23, 1844, being the daughter of Liberty and Maria Dady. Mr. and Mrs. Dady lived in Northampton until 1862, when Mr. Dady bought a farm in Chesterfield, where they spent the remainder of their years. He died in 1884, and she followed him to the grave in 1895. In politics Mr. Cobb is independent, voting for the candidates who are, in his opinion, the best qualified for the positions to which they respectively aspire. He is a member of Northampton Post, No. 86, Grand Army of the Republic. Having been disabled by the exposure and hardships incident to his army life during the late war, he receives a pension from the government.

**C**HARLES H. UPSON, a prominent citizen of Easthampton, who has the general superintendence of the extensive buildings of the Williston Seminary, was born in Northampton in 1848, son of Justus and Caroline (Smith) Upson. His father was a native of Southington, Conn., born in 1803; and his mother was a native of Ludlow, Mass. His grandfather, Thomas Upson, was also a native of Connecticut, born about 1757. He gained a livelihood by tilling the soil, and died on his farm at the age of eighty-three. Thomas Upson reared two

sons and two daughters. One of the former, Edward Upson, was a well-known shipbuilder at Kennebunkport, Me. He also lived to a good age, dying in his seventieth year. He reared three sons and two daughters.

Justus Upson, son of Thomas Upson and father of Charles H., was a carpenter, and followed his trade during the greater part of his life. In 1849 he removed from Northampton to Easthampton, and there spent the rest of his days. He died at the home of his son, Charles H., in 1886, being then eighty-three years of age. His wife, to whom he was united in 1835, was the daughter of Martin Smith, of Ludlow, Mass. By her first husband, Mr. Chapin, she had one son, Stephen Chapin, now a resident of Springfield and a conductor on the Boston & Albany Railroad. Of her union with Mr. Upson the following children were born: Emma, widow of Ralph Wolcott, residing in Amherst; Lydia, who married Calvin Strong, and died in Easthampton in 1885, at the age of forty-two; Julia, wife of William Miller, of Torrington, Conn.; Alvin, who met his death through an accident in 1858, when a boy of sixteen; and Charles H., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Upson died in 1882. Mr. Upson was a member of the Congregational church, to which his wife also belonged.

Charles H. Upson received a good common-school education in Easthampton, and finished his studies at Williston Seminary. He learned the carpenter's trade, and worked for E. R. Bosworth, a prominent builder of Easthampton, till 1883. He was then appointed superintendent of the Williston Seminary buildings, a position which he has efficiently filled up to the present time. This school is one of the largest institutions of the kind in the State. It was established with a generous endowment by Samuel Williston in 1841, and

four large brick buildings were built between 1841 and 1865. In 1892 the large hotel near by, a frame structure, was purchased, and added to the school property; and the old Williston home, now occupied by the principal of the school, Dr. Gallagher, is also a part of the estate. The property comprises six acres of ground, and is situated in the heart of the city. Mr. Upson's position is no sinecure, as on him devolves the care of the whole estate, the responsibility of making needed repairs, and the superintendence of all work necessary to keep the buildings and grounds in good condition.

Mr. Upson was united in marriage June 1, 1871, to Mary M., daughter of Benjamin and Catherine (Foote) Dingman, of Stockbridge, Mass. Mr. Dingman and his wife are now nearly eighty years of age. They reared four daughters and one son. Mr. and Mrs. Upson are the parents of two children, namely: Grace F., wife of Henry G. Camp, teller in the Pyncheon Bank in Springfield; and Alvin L., a student in the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and assistant pharmacist in the Boston City Hospital.

In politics Mr. Upson is a Republican. He takes an active part in the town government, and is now serving his fifth year as Selectman. In Masonic circles he is prominent, and is at present Past Master of Ionic Lodge of Easthampton. He has a handsome home at 3 Summer Street, where he has resided since 1886.

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**G**EORGE PITMAN MOULTON, a prosperous farmer of Pelham, son of Levi H. and Abbie (Pitman) Moulton, was born in that town, July 25, 1865. The Moulton family are of English descent; and the original ancestor, who emigrated to

America, settled in Monson, Mass., residing in the locality known as Moulton Hill. Mr. Moulton's great-grandfather, Daniel Moulton, who was a son of the original settler, was born in Monson. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and became the owner of a large farm situated upon Moulton Hill, which he cultivated successfully. He lived to be over eighty years of age, having raised a family of nine children. His son, Levi Moulton, Mr. Moulton's grandfather, was a native of Monson, and passed his youth upon his father's farm. He followed the occupation of a mechanic during his earlier years, and then devoted his attention to conducting boarding-houses in different localities. He reached the age of seventy-two, and his declining years were passed with his son in Pelham. He married Nancy Farnham, a native of Oxford, Mass., and the union was blessed with six children, three of whom are still living, namely: Levi H.; Cyrus, who was born in Providence, R.I.; and Mary, who married Franklin Smith, and resides in Providence. The mother lived to the age of eighty-seven years.

Levi H. Moulton, Mr. Moulton's father, was born in Charlton, May 7, 1822. When a young man, he adopted agriculture as an occupation, and has perseveringly followed it with satisfactory results. He has lived on three farms in Pelham at different periods, exhibiting in each the energy and industry for which he has always been remarkable. He now resides with his son, George P. Moulton, and is a Methodist in his religious views and a Republican in politics. His wife, Abbie Pitman, whom he married on June 20, 1850, was born in South Kingston, R.I., November 22, 1824. She was daughter of George and Abbie (Nichols) Pitman, both of whom were natives of Rhode Island. George Pitman settled upon





HOLLIS B. DeWITT.

a farm in Pelham, where he followed agriculture successfully, and passed the remainder of his life. He raised a family of four children, one son and three daughters, of whom the only survivor is John Pitman, a resident of Pelham. Levi H. Moulton's children were: Abbie, who married Marcus Pease, and resides in East Douglass; George Pitman, the subject of this sketch; Martha A., wife of George Bowles, of Amherst; John B., who resides in Pelham; Levi H., Jr., a resident of Amherst; and Walter N., who died at the age of fourteen years and three months. The mother's decease occurred March 12, 1879.

George Pitman Moulton was reared to agricultural life, and has always resided at the homestead. At an early age he became proficient in the various farm duties, and is now chiefly engaged in the cultivation of hay and grain. He displays an unusual amount of thrift and energy, which is productive of excellent results.

On June 27, 1885, Mr. Moulton was united in marriage to Mrs. Jennie Cleveland, of Pelham, daughter of William and Martha (Allen) Montgomery. They have one son, George William, who was born August 14, 1888. Mr. Moulton is a Republican in politics and liberal in his religious views.

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Hampshire County. He is a son of Benjamin DeWitt, and was born in Granby, August 26, 1829. His paternal grandfather, Joseph DeWitt, who was a native of Belchertown, there married Lovisa Montague, and afterward settled on land in Granby, where both spent their remaining days. They reared five children — Joseph, Benjamin, Harry, Clarissa, and Lucy — none of whom are now living.

Benjamin DeWitt followed the occupation to which he was bred, buying and improving a tract of wild land in Granby, on which he and his wife passed their years of wedlock. He was prominent in military circles, being Colonel of a company of cavalry in the State militia. Colonel DeWitt married Mary, better known as Polly, Eastman, the daughter of Captain Joseph and Hannah (Lyman) Eastman, her father being a well-to-do farmer of this town. Mrs. Polly Eastman departed this life on May 30, 1854, survived by her husband, who died October 15, 1855. They were the parents of ten children, a brief record of whom is here given: Mary Ann, born September 8, 1822, died November 15, 1827; Hannah E., born December 7, 1824, is the widow of the late Caleb S. Bliss, and resides with her children in Washington, D.C.; Helen M., born March 22, 1827, married Addison S. Dickinson, of Granby, both being deceased; Hollis Benjamin; Mary Ann, born March 3, 1832, the widow of the late William H. Hayward, of Hadley, lives in Washington, D.C.; Clinton, who married Octavia Otie, was born August 6, 1834, and is a resident of Lynchburg, Va.; Sarah Jane, born September 9, 1836, is the widow of Norman S. Stanner, and resides in Washington, D.C.; Louisa, born March 13, 1840, died January 2, 1865; Martha E., born December 10, 1843, died December 8, 1845; and William D., born July 12, 1846, died September 30, 1870.

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**H**OLLIS BENJAMIN DEWITT, whose portrait accompanies this brief biography, is a prosperous and progressive farmer of Granby, Mass., owning a valuable farm of fifty-three acres in this town and another in South Hadley, besides being the proprietor of a livery stable in the village. A man of good practical ability, energetic and stirring from his youth, he visited different States, and engaged in various employments before settling down as a tiller of the soil in

Hollis B. DeWitt, who, with his brothers and sisters, was well educated at the district and select schools, remained at home until eighteen years of age, there acquiring a practical knowledge of agriculture in its different branches. Desirous of perfecting himself in some trade, he went then to Chicopee, where he worked as a tinsmith for five years, going thence to Lynchburg, Va., and there continuing similarly engaged three years. In 1852 Mr. DeWitt returned North, and for the next six months worked in Williamsburg, N.Y., whence he proceeded to Iowa, there spending some time in Independence and Waverly, subsequently going to Chickasaw County, where he entered four hundred acres of land. This he soon sold, and in 1854, coming back to the place of his birth, during that summer assisted on the home farm. The following six months Mr. DeWitt worked at his trade in Westfield; and then on the death of his father he returned to the old homestead, south-west of the village of Granby, and for a year took charge of the property. After another trip West, Mr. DeWitt settled down to farming, buying the old home farm in 1858, and carrying it on for two years. In 1860 he disposed of that property, and bought a farm in South Hadley, known as the Hatfield farm, managing that successfully until 1865, when he sold out at an advance. In 1865 Mr. DeWitt purchased twenty-five acres of his present estate; and to his original purchase he has since added until his farm contains fifty-three fertile acres, on which he has made valuable improvements.

On the 8th of April, 1857, while residing on the old home farm, Mr. DeWitt was united in marriage with Ellen E. Montague, a native of Granby, born November 27, 1833. Her parents were Giles and Elvira (Edwards) Montague, the former of whom was a lifelong

resident of Granby, while the latter was born and reared in Northampton. Mr. Montague was a farmer by occupation, and after the death of his wife spent his time with his daughter Ellen, Mrs. DeWitt. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt: Benjamin, who now manages the farm, married Mary E. Stacey, and they have three children—Ellen Stacey, William Hollis, and Giles Rollin; Ellen Elvira, their other child, died in infancy. In politics Mr. DeWitt affiliates with the Republican party, and for five years served as Tax Collector. He is identified, socially, with the Masons, belonging to Mount Holyoke Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Religiously, both he and his estimable wife are faithful members of the Congregational church of South Hadley.

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 CHAUNCEY WITHERELL, a respected citizen of Chesterfield, who at one time was actively engaged as a merchant and farmer, but is now in retirement, was born in Westhampton, Mass., November 17, 1822, son of Edsel and Sybil (Chilson) Witherell.

Edsel Witherell was an independent farmer. He tilled a farm in Westhampton four years, and then moved to Chesterfield. Purchasing an estate in the southern part of the town, he there passed the remainder of his life, winning from the soil an ample income. He and his wife reared three children, namely: Chauncey, the subject of this sketch; Cordelia, wife of D. S. Axtell; and Sophronia, wife of Norman C. Rhodes. The latter two died some time since, and their husbands also are deceased.

Chauncey Witherell received a good common-school education. He remained with his parents during their lifetime, gradually as-

suming the responsibilities of the farm, until at length he had full charge. By unremitting industry and close attention to the details of business he acquired a modest fortune, and within ten years from the time that he took full charge of the home farm was able to retire, purchasing a lot in Chesterfield village, upon which he erected a comfortable home.

On February 27, 1843, Mr. Witherell was united in marriage with Asenath Bisbee, a native of Chesterfield, daughter of Elisha Bisbee, who was one of the early settlers of the town. Mrs. Witherell was a capable helpmate to her husband. Living at the home of her husband's parents after she was first married, she cared for them in their old age as tenderly as if they were her own parents. She died January 22, 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Witherell had no children; but a nephew of the former resides with him, and superintends the work of the farm.

Mr. Witherell is an adherent of the Republican party. He has served as Selectman, and filled other official positions. Mrs. Witherell was a member of the Congregational church in Chesterfield. What he owns he has well earned. It is but the reward of industry and a well-spent life. He may rest beneath the shadow of his own vine and fig-tree with the satisfied content born of duty fulfilled.

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LUKE BROWN WHITE, Postmaster and merchant at Bay State, was born at Whately, Mass., October 3, 1864. He is the son of Samuel B. White, who was son of Luke Brown White, who was son of Deacon John White, who was son of Deacon Salmon White, the first member of the family to settle in Whately. The Whites are the lineal descendants of John White, who emigrated from England to the Colony of

Massachusetts, and settled in Cambridge, where he was made a freeman in 1633. In 1636 he removed to Hartford, Conn., where he became a ruling Elder in the South Church, and passed the remainder of his days. His son, Daniel White, resided at Hartford, Mass., where he married Sarah Crow, was a Lieutenant of militia, and died July 27, 1713. Their son Daniel, who was born on July 4, 1671, settled at Windsor, Conn. He was married three times, his first wife having been Sarah Bissell; his second, Anna Bissell; and the third, Elizabeth Bliss. His death occurred in 1726. His son, Captain Daniel White, resided at Windsor, Conn., from which place he moved to Hatfield, Mass., where he died in 1786. His first wife was Mary Dickinson, his second Elizabeth White; and his son Salmon, who was baptized October 31, 1731, became the original settler of the farm known as the Luke B. White place in Whately, which has been in the family's possession since 1762. He married Mary Waite, was a Deacon in the church, a leading spirit in the community, and died June 21, 1815. His wife survived him until the same date in 1821, when she passed away, at the age of ninety-one years. They had four sons and four daughters, of whom John White was the paternal great-grandfather of Luke B. White, of this article. He married Elizabeth Brown, of Worcester, who brought to Whately the first chaise; and she died in 1853, aged eighty-three years, having been the mother of ten children — three sons and seven daughters. Of these Luke B. was born on May 8, 1797, wedded Mary Wells, daughter of Captain Luke Wells, and raised a family of six children, of whom two are living, namely: Mary E., born in 1834, widow of O. D. Root, M.D.; and John Newton White, a farmer of East Whately, who was born in 1838.

L. B. White attended the schools of his native town, and at the age of sixteen became a clerk in the store of P. D. Willis & Co. at Thompsonville, Conn. After spending one year there, he took a similar position with C. D. Waite at Haydenville, Mass., holding it for about the same length of time. Then he came to Northampton, where he entered the employ of E. E. Hart. Five years later he went to Springfield, and for some three years was clerk with B. Frank Steele & Co. At the end of this time he returned to Bay State, and, in company with his brother, Charles W. White, purchased the stock and trade of his former employer, E. E. Hart, in September, 1890. Two years later he bought out his brother's interest, and has since continued to carry on the business, which is now well established and exceedingly profitable.

On September 10, 1886, he was united in marriage to Miss Jennie E. Wetherbee, of Landgrove, Vt., and the union has resulted in two children: Edna Emily, aged seven; and Charles Herbert, aged four years. Mr. White is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is independent in politics, and is at present serving on the Common Council, having been elected upon the Republican ticket. He has been Postmaster for the past five years, and has resided at his present comfortable home since 1892. His father died in 1882; and his mother, who is still bright and active, resides with her sons.

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**A**DOLPH FRANZ, M.D., a well-known physician of South Hadley Falls, son of Adolph and Eliza (Birnie) Franz, was born in Washington, D.C., July 26, 1862. Dr. Franz's father was a native of Mecklenburg, Germany, and emigrated to the

United States in 1849. He was for a short time after his arrival engaged as a grocer's clerk in New York City. In 1850 he enlisted in the regular army, joining Company B, Third United States Infantry, which was stationed in New Mexico, and was engaged in Indian warfare until the commencement of the Civil War. The regiment was then ordered to Washington, and from there to the front, arriving in time to participate in the second battle of Bull Run. In 1862 Adolph Franz, Sr., was assigned to duty in the War Department in Washington, where he remained until 1869, when he received the appointment of Orderly Sergeant, and was once more sent to New Mexico. After remaining there for a time, he was transferred to Fort Jackson, La., then to Fort Jackson, Ga., and finally to Fort Constitution, N.H. Here he continued to serve until December 12, 1890, at which time he was retired, with an honorable record of forty years of continuous service in the United States Army. He now resides in Brooklyn, N.Y. His wife, whom he wedded on June 21, 1861, is of Irish ancestry. She is the mother of two sons, namely: Adolph, Jr., the subject of this sketch; and Frederick H., who is now engaged in the jewelry business in Attleboro, Mass.

Adolph Franz pursued a collegiate course at Dartmouth College. At its completion he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, where he graduated in 1887. Then he supplemented his medical studies with a period of practical observation in the hospitals of the metropolis. In December, 1887, Dr. Franz located in South Hadley Falls, where he has since established a lucrative practice. By his skilful handling of cases he has acquired a high reputation both in Hadley and South Hadley Falls. He is also esteemed socially for his many and admi-

rable character traits. On June 11, 1890, he was united in marriage to Louise M. Norton, of Portsmouth, N.H. They have three children: Dorothy, Louise, and Frederick. Both attend the Roman Catholic church. He is independent in politics.

WILLIAM A. BARRUS, of Goshen, principal of the Hampshire and Franklin County Truant School, is the son of Deacon Theron L. and Czarina A. (Robinson) Barrus, and was born in Goshen, October 2, 1857. His grandparents, Levi and Almeda (Stearns) Barrus, moved from Heath, Mass., to Goshen, where the former purchased four hundred acres of land, and began farming on an extensive scale. Levi was a member of the Baptist church, a Whig in politics, an energetic farmer, and a progressive citizen. He died at the age of eighty-four years. His children were: Hiram, Loren, Charles, Alvin, Laura, Jane, and Theron L.

Theron L. Barrus, father of William A., was born at the old homestead in Goshen, September 1, 1829. At the age of twenty-one he commenced work in the turning shop of Ranney & Gage, and subsequently engaged in plane-making. He gave only the summer months to these occupations, as he still pursued his studies during the school season. After completing his education, he taught in the district schools for nine terms, devoting the summer season to agriculture. His first investment in real estate, known as the Red House, included twenty acres of land, situated in the vicinity of his present residence. Here he resided for a time, devoting his energies to farming and the making of ladders. Then he bought the Cushman farm of eighty acres, and later the Parsons property, com-

prising one hundred acres, on which he now resides. He has remodelled the buildings, keeps a dairy of ten cows, and has otherwise improved the farm, which he cultivates successfully. He joined the Congregational church when a young man, and at the age of twenty-five was made a Deacon, a position which he still holds. He is a Republican in politics, and has been a member of the School Board for twenty years. In 1852 he married Czarina N. Robinson, daughter of James and Adeline (Randall) Robinson, born December 27, 1831. They had five children, as follows: James L., Willie A., Mary A., Edward F., and Lyda E. The mother died May 6, 1895.

William A. Barrus received his education in the schools of his native town; and at the age of eighteen he engaged in agriculture as an occupation, which he followed for some years. He was later employed in Swift River as a plane-maker and wood polisher, at which business he continued for two years. In 1885 he purchased the Russ farm in Goshen, consisting of one hundred and fifty acres. Since then, besides making other improvements in the property, he has remodelled the buildings, and has conducted general farming, together with dairying, for which he keeps eight graded Jersey cows. He owns an interest in the Ashfield Co-operative Creamery, and has furnished teams for the construction of the State road. On October 1, 1889, Mr. Barrus was appointed principal of the Hampshire and Franklin County Truant School, and has since filled that position to general satisfaction. In this capacity he has fitted up a suite of dormitories, which are well lighted and ventilated, and provided a yard for outdoor exercise. Mr. Barrus was united in marriage on October 5, 1881, to Lucy M. Hall, daughter of Allen and Olive (Howe) Hall, of Ashfield. They have three children, namely:

Alice E., born October 5, 1882; Myrtle E., born March 5, 1887; and Ida E., born August 12, 1889. Mr. Barrus is a Republican in politics.

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**W**ILOSON DEWEY, the worthy octogenarian whose portrait is here in view, a retired citizen of Haydenville, was born in Granby, Conn., July 1, 1815, son of Aaron, Jr., and Lovisa (Gillett) Dewey. Mr. Dewey's paternal grandparents, Aaron, Sr., and Beadee (Gillett) Dewey, were lifelong residents of Granby. Grandfather Dewey, who was a well-to-do farmer, was a Whig in politics, and was a member of the Baptist church. Both he and his wife died at a ripe old age. Their children were: Aaron, Jr., Beadee, and Theda.

Aaron Dewey, Jr., was born in Granby in 1791, and died at the age of forty-five years. He was educated in the schools of his native town; and in early manhood he inherited part of the homestead, and purchased additional land till he had a farm of one hundred acres. He was a Whig in politics and a Baptist in his religion. He and his wife, whose name before marriage was Lovisa Gillett, became the parents of eight children, as follows: William, Mary, Watson, Wilson, Willis, Susan, Laura, and Wayne, the last of whom died young. Mrs. Lovisa G. Dewey married for her second husband a Mr. Stone, and died at the age of seventy-two. She was a member of the Congregational church at the time of her death.

Wilson Dewey received his education in Granby, and at the age of eighteen began work in a brass foundry, where he was employed in making andirons, fire shovels, and tongs by hand for twelve years. He then engaged in the carpenter's trade with his brother Watson, and, being a natural mechanic, soon

developed into a skilled workman. He later relinquished the carpenter's trade to engage in manufacturing wagons and sleighs at North Granby; and, a short time after, he, in company with his brother Willis, purchased that business, to which they added the manufacturing of coffins. They conducted the enterprise successfully for seven years, at the expiration of which they sold to good advantage. In the mean time Mr. Dewey had bought a house in Granby, which he improved to a considerable extent; but this he later disposed of, and bought a farm. He followed agriculture for two years, and then went to Collinsville, Conn., where he was employed for seven months in finishing bayonets. From that place he moved to Northampton, Mass., and was similarly employed for another seven months. He later became Postal Clerk upon the route from New Haven to Northampton. Some years previous to this he was financially interested in the wholesale and retail fruit and produce firm of Dewey & Pratt. Later buying his partner's interest in the business, he admitted his son Mortimer as a partner; and the firm of Dewey & Son conducted an extensive business for some time. Mr. Dewey relinquished mercantile business to enter the postal service, later being transferred to the Williamsburg route, on which he remained for fourteen years, and then retired.

Mr. Dewey is a Republican in politics, and is active in public affairs. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for three years, and he represented his district in the legislature in 1888. He is Vice-President and a Director of the Haydenville Savings Bank. He was made a Free Mason in Granby, and is now a member of Hampshire Lodge, and also of the Chapter and Council. He became a charter member of the lodge of Odd Fellows in Granby, of which he was Past



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Grand and District Deputy; but that lodge is now extinct. In 1884 Mr. Dewey bought the Briggs house, which is pleasantly located on West Main Street, Haydenville; and he has since resided here with the exception of a short time passed in Boston.

On September 28, 1841, Mr. Dewey was united in marriage with Mary M. Spencer, who was born in New Hartford, Conn., daughter of Milton and Amanda (Garrett) Spencer. Mrs. Dewey's grandparents were Nathaniel S. and Louis (Steele) Spencer, the former of whom was a large real estate owner and an extensive manufacturer of wagons and sleighs in New Hartford. He built the first two-horse covered carriage, or "bus," ever seen in his neighborhood, and was complained of by the deacons for driving his family to church in the new vehicle, which created considerable excitement on the Sabbath day. Nathaniel Spencer served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War; and his son Milton, Mrs. Dewey's father, served in the War of 1812. Milton Spencer was born in New Hartford, and became a prosperous farmer of that town. He lived to the age of eighty-six years. His wife, Amanda Garrett, who attained the same age, was the mother of eight children: Flora, Orvilla, Mary M., Harlow, Ralzy, John, Waite, and Theda.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey have had five children, as follows: Mortimer A., who married Georgie A. Wilcox, and died April 7, 1882, leaving two children — Fred W., who married Charlotte Crane, and is a boot and shoe merchant of Northampton, and Grace, wife of John Ross; Ella J., who died aged fourteen months; Eva L., who died at the age of five years; Carrie, who died aged seven years; and Everett H., who was born January 23, 1857, and is now occupying his father's former position in the postal service.

**R**IICHARD F. UNDERWOOD, an esteemed citizen of Northampton, who owns and cultivates a farm at Mount Tom Station, was born in Belchertown, Mass., March 11, 1842, son of Charles and Abilene (Bennett) Underwood.

His grandfather, Urijah Underwood, was a farmer in Wales, Hampden County. He was killed by a fall when quite an old man, and his remains rest in the churchyard at Wales. He married a Miss Staunton, who lived to see many of her neighbors and kinsfolk pass away, dying of old age in 1857. They reared five sons and four daughters, of whom two daughters and a son are yet living. The daughters are widows, residing in Mashapaug, Conn.; and the son, William Underwood, is a spinner in a woollen factory in Wales. Urijah Underwood was a member of the Baptist church, officiating many years as Deacon.

Charles Underwood, son of Urijah Underwood and father of Richard F., was born in Woodstock, Conn., in 1801. He spent his entire life on his farm, dying November 1, 1875, at the age of seventy-four. On December 30, 1824, he was united in marriage to Abilene, daughter of Joseph and Esther (Green) Bennett, who was born in 1809. Mrs. Underwood's grandparents on the maternal side were Nathaniel and Sarah (May) Green. Her grandfather, Nathaniel Green, was one of the first patriots who suffered in defence of his country, being wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill. Her father also, Joseph Bennett, was a Revolutionary soldier, and received a pension for his services. She died in 1889, and is resting with her husband in the cemetery at Belchertown. Mr. and Mrs. Underwood had eight children, seven of whom reached maturity, namely: Emily, wife of E. I. Allen, of Westfield, Mass.; Mary, wife of D. M. Olds, of Belchertown;

Richard F., the subject of this sketch; Emma J., wife of William Johnson, of Westfield; Harriet L., subsequently Mrs. Beebe, who died at the age of twenty-six; Charles S., who died in September, 1875, at the age of forty-three; and Albert W., who died in 1888, leaving one son.

Richard F. Underwood attended the district school regularly until eight years of age. After that he worked on the farm during the busy season, attending school in winter only. In December, 1861, when in his twentieth year, he enlisted at Belchertown in Company F, Thirty-first Massachusetts Regiment, and served four years in the Civil War, the greater part of which time he was in active service. He took part in the Red River campaign, his regiment then being the Sixth Massachusetts Cavalry, and on April 8, 1864, was shot through the right leg. He was among the one hundred and one disabled soldiers who, left for a time in New Orleans, were shipped on board the steamer "Pocahontas" to be sent to New York City. The "Pocahontas" was run down by another vessel in the night, and forty of the poor fellows found a watery grave. Mr. Underwood will never forget the experience of that night. The vessel went down soon after she was struck. He and many of the men were struggling for a long time in the water. They clung to everything they could lay hold of to keep themselves afloat. For some time, while holding afloat with one hand, Mr. Underwood tried to save a man with the other hand by holding on to his beard, but was at length compelled to release his hold. During the whole of the struggle he was cool and composed, and felt no pain in his wounded limb. The physical suffering came later, when feeling returned to his benumbed frame.

During his term of service in the army Mr.

Underwood saved up some one thousand one hundred dollars. A patent-right man, who induced him to go to Ohio, swindled him out of one-half of the sum. He returned to Belchertown with more wisdom, if less money, and went to work for his brother-in-law at twenty-five dollars a month. Later he worked for one dollar and a half a day, when it took nine days' work to pay for a barrel of flour, and kerosene was seventy-five cents a gallon. About this time he purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty acres below Mount Tom Station, and there he has since made his home. His business is general farming, which he carries on in a sensible and practical way. He is President of the Farmers' Club of Easthampton. He has a handsome, large two-story house, finished in the finest hard maple, cherry, cypress, and oak, which he erected in 1892-93, when he performed most of the work himself, cutting the trees in Montague, and floating the lumber down the river. He is a man of considerable mechanical genius, who can turn his hand to almost anything; while his dwelling bears high testimony to his good taste.

On December 28, 1869, Mr. Underwood was united in marriage with Leona, daughter of E. A. and Sophronia (Pease) Lyman. Mrs. Underwood's mother was before marriage Clarissa Cook, a native of Chester, now Huntington, Mass. Both parents are deceased, the father dying in 1880, aged sixty-seven years, and the mother in 1891, aged seventy-nine years. Mrs. Underwood, who was a rarely intelligent woman, a model wife and mother, died April 11, 1894, in her forty-fifth year. They had eight children, of whom six survive. Lewis F. in his third year died of the bite of a rabid dog, and Walter A. died when thirteen months old. The remaining children are as follows: Laura K., who is her

father's housekeeper; Charles L., who is an able assistant on the home farm; Arthur J., a pupil in the Easthampton High School; Hattie Louise, a child in years, but a woman in stature and in character, who rides her bicycle with the ease and skill of a professional; William Albert and Chella Maria, aged respectively thirteen and eight years. Mr. Underwood took for his second wife Miss Myra L. Clark, to whom he was united in marriage October 9, 1895. She is a daughter of E. Alonzo Clark, a native of Easthampton.

Mr. Underwood favors the Republican party, but is an independent voter. He is a comrade of William L. Baker Post, No. 86, Grand Army of the Republic. He was a Deacon in the First Congregational Church for many years. He is an extensive reader and an original thinker, an advocate of "the greatest good for the greatest number," and a loyal supporter of law and order.

**C**HARLES KINGMAN BREWSTER, a prominent business man of Worthington, was born in that town, July 11, 1843, son of the Hon. Elisha Huntington and Sophronia Martha (Kingman) Brewster.

Mr. Brewster is a lineal descendant of Elder Brewster, the leader of the "Mayflower" Pilgrims, who landed at Plymouth, December 21, 1620, and died in Duxbury, April 18, 1643. His children were: Fear, Patience, Jonathan, Love, and Wristling. Jonathan Brewster settled in New London in 1649, and became an Associate Judge there. He established a treaty post at what was known as Brewster's Neck, where he resided for the remainder of his life, and died in 1661. His son, Benjamin Brewster, married Ann Dart, and raised a family of five children, who were named: Ann, Jonathan, Daniel, William, and

Benjamin. Daniel Brewster, who was born in 1667, married Hannah Gager; and his eight children were: Daniel, Jr., Hannah, Mary, John, Jerusha, Ruth, Bothiah, and Jonathan. Daniel Brewster married for his second wife Dorothy Miller, and died May 7, 1735. Jonathan Brewster, son of Daniel, was born June 6, 1705. He married Mary Parish, and had seven children: Lucretia, Ruth, Ephraim, Jonathan, Mary, Lydia, and Hannah. Deacon Jonathan Brewster was born in 1734. He moved from Preston, Conn., to Worthington, Mass., in 1777, and erected a rude dwelling upon a site which is now included in the property of Samuel Converse. He died in 1800. Deacon Jonathan Brewster married Zipporah Smith; and his eight children were: Elisha, Esther, Jonathan, Zipporah, Sarah, Jonah, Moses, and Lydia.

Captain Elisha Brewster, Charles K. Brewster's grandfather, was born in Preston in 1755. He enlisted in a regiment of light dragoons at an early stage of the Revolutionary War, and served as an officer for seven years and six months. After the close of the war he served as Brigade Quartermaster. At the time of Shays's Rebellion he volunteered his services, and was one of General Shepard's aides in that insurrection. Captain Elisha Brewster married Sarah Huntington, daughter of the Rev. Jonathan Huntington, who was the first settled minister in Worthington. They were the parents of twelve children, among whom were: Theodosia, Minerva, Sally, Hannah, Eliza, Zipporah, Hannah (second), Lucy, and Elisha Huntington.

The Hon. Elisha Huntington Brewster, Mr. C. K. Brewster's father, was born in Worthington, August 5, 1809. He was educated in the public schools and at Hopkins Academy, and remained for several years upon his father's farm. In 1842 he removed to the

centre village, and located a little south of the church and town-house, where he commenced mercantile business in company with his cousin, Mr. Sidney Brewster, under the firm name of S. & E. H. Brewster. That copartnership continued ten years, when it was dissolved, Mr. E. H. Brewster retiring to attend to his increasing public duties. In 1848 he was chosen as a Whig to represent his town in the legislature; and again, in 1853, he was chosen to the same office. In 1852 he was elected County Commissioner, and held that office sixteen years. For twelve years he was chairman of the board, and distinguished himself by his excellent judgment and the aptness and faithfulness with which he discharged the difficult and often perplexing duties of the position. At the end of his sixtieth year (in 1868), when at the height of his popularity and usefulness, he voluntarily withdrew from that office, declining the offer of a certain re-election, much to the regret of the people of the county. In 1871 he was chosen a member of the State Senate, to represent the Berkshire and Hampshire district. In 1873 he was chosen a member of the Governor's Council, and was re-elected in 1874. This closed his public life.

In his earlier business years he was often called to fill various town offices, and served in almost every capacity, from Constable to Selectman. He could have served oftener if he had wished, for his townsmen were always willing to elect him. He was also the leading Justice of the Peace, and was appointed one of the first Trial Justices under the new law, holding the office and discharging its duties with marked ability and dignity until he resigned it several years ago. He was often called as a referee to settle disputed questions, both at home and abroad; and after his retirement from the Board of County Commiss-

sioners his services were frequently sought as counsel in important road cases. He was the principal legal adviser of the people in his section, wrote numerous wills, and settled many estates in the probate and insolvency courts, doing more of that business probably than any other man in the county.

While a member of the Governor's Council, he was one of a committee to receive General Grant, who came on an official visit to the State. He was active in the formation of the Worthington Agricultural Society over twenty-five years ago, and was its first President. He was long connected with the old Northampton Institution for Savings as one of its Trustees, and for twenty years (1848 to 1868) was one of the Directors of the Hampshire Mutual Fire Insurance Company, exerting in their behalf an active and valuable influence. When his son, Charles K. Brewster, became of age, the two formed a copartnership, and bought out the mercantile business of S. Brewster & Son; and that business was continued until his death, under the firm name of E. H. Brewster & Son.

Mr. Brewster was first a Whig and then a Republican. Though a strong party man, he never allowed his party ties to lessen his loyalty to his friends. He was a regular attendant upon divine worship and a firm supporter of the services of the sanctuary. For thirty years he was a member of the choir, and occasionally acted as chorister. During the long pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Bisbee, twenty-eight years, Mr. Brewster was his warm friend and supporter and his frequent adviser. He never formally united with the church, but he had an abiding faith in its underlying principles; and his old pastor bore heartfelt testimony at the funeral to his Christian character as exemplified in his pure and consistent life and peaceful death. The Hon.

Elisha H. Brewster died in Worthington, November 27, 1878. His wife, whom he married June 8, 1831, was Sophronia Martha Kingman, daughter of Isaiah Kingman, of Worthington. Her grandfather, Adam Kingman, was a native of Bridgewater, Mass.; and her father, who was a tailor by trade, kept a hotel for many years in the house where Mr. Brewster now resides. His son, Samuel Kingman, was Chief Justice of the State of Kansas for a number of years. Mrs. Elisha H. Brewster became the mother of seven children: Sarah, Elisha K., Lucy Jane, Sophronia K., Charles K., Helen E., and Isabelle W. Of these the only survivors are: Charles K., the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. George M. Green, of New York City.

Charles Kingman Brewster was educated at the Westfield Academy, and, when a young man, engaged in business with his father. He exhibited an aptitude for mercantile pursuits at an early age, and since the death of his father has continued the business with ability and success. He is a Republican in politics, and has long been identified with public affairs. He was Postmaster from 1883 to 1888, has been a member of the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, and Treasurer for eight years, and is at present a special County Commissioner. He also represented his district in the legislature for one term. He is a Director of the Northampton Institution for Savings and of the Hampshire Fire Insurance Company. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and an influential man in the county.

On February 22, 1866, Mr. Brewster was united in marriage to Celina S. Baldwin. Her parents were Chauncey and Harriet (Hume) Baldwin, natives of Windsor, Mass.; and her father was a prosperous farmer of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Brewster have had seven children, as follows: Sophronia E., who was

born December 26, 1866, and died April 13, 1870; Grace, born March 9, 1869, who died March 22, 1873; Elisha H., born September 10, 1871, who graduated from the Williston Seminary, and is now a student at the Boston University Law School; Sarah H., born March 6, 1874, who is now a teacher in Temple College, Philadelphia; Charles H., born February 14, 1877; Howard C., born December 24, 1880; and Kingman, born December 24, 1883. ——————

**A**LONZO H. WARREN, proprietor of the Williams House, Williamsburg, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Conway, Franklin County, Mass., January 1, 1841, son of William and Jane (Bigelow) Warren. Mr. Warren's grandparents were Samuel and Abigail Warren, the former of whom was an old resident of Conway. He owned a good farm, which he cultivated with good results, and devoted a great deal of time and attention to the raising and fattening of cattle for the market, in which he was quite successful. He was a Whig in politics and a Congregationalist in his religion. Samuel Warren died in Conway at the age of seventy-five years, and his wife also lived to an advanced age. They were the parents of six children: William, Samuel, Ephraim, Esther, Martha, and Rebecca.

William Warren, father of Mr. Warren, was born in Conway. He received a district-school education, and in early manhood purchased a farm which was located in the northern part of the town of Conway. After following agriculture there for a time he bought in the vicinity of Bardwell's Ferry a saw and grist mill, which he operated successfully for a number of years. These mills were destroyed by a flood, and their site is now occupied by the Eldridge Mills. Mr. William

Warren was originally a Whig, later a Republican, and was esteemed as a man of much public spirit. He died at the age of fifty-five years. His wife was the mother of six children: William, Francis, Philena, Elizabeth, Alonzo H., and Mary. She died aged fifty-nine years.

Alonzo H. Warren attended the district schools of his native town. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in Company H, Tenth Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment, under the command of Colonel Briggs. He was detailed to serve at brigade headquarters as a teamster, in which capacity he continued for three years, and was discharged July 6, 1864. He returned to his native town, where he rented a farm; and after engaging in agriculture for a time entered the employ of the New Haven & Massachusetts Central Railroad Company, as overseer of men and teams, a position which he satisfactorily filled for some time. He later purchased the Sears farm, located in the town of Ashfield, Franklin County, consisting of ninety acres of fertile land. He has remodelled and enlarged the house, erected a new barn, placed the other buildings in good repair, improved the land, and set out fruit-trees, also introducing the cultivation of berries. He also conducts a choice dairy, to which he devotes a great deal of attention. In 1894 Mr. Warren leased the Williams House, in Williamsburg, which he conducts in a most satisfactory manner. The table is in a measure supplied by the products of his farm, which are greatly appreciated by his many guests. He has also purchased the Belcher livery stable, and runs it in connection with the hotel. At the present time he has a most liberal patronage. Since establishing his residence in Williamsburg he has gained the esteem and confidence of his fellow-townsmen.

On November 15, 1866, Mr. Warren was

united in marriage to Ella J. Ranney, daughter of Luther B. Ranney, a prosperous farmer of Ashfield, and has six children, namely: Earl, an employee of the Adams Express Company in Holyoke, married to Grace Tuttle, and father of one child, Irma; Ida, a leading dressmaker of Williamsburg; Edward, engaged in business with his father, and married to Mary Graves; Luther, a conductor and mail and express agent on the Conway Electric Railway; Roy, a successful horse dealer of Holyoke; and Mary, yet attending school. Mr. Warren is a Republican in politics, and liberal in his religious views. He is a Comrade of Post William L. Baker, No. 86, Grand Army of the Republic, of Northampton.

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**F**REDERICK TAYLOR, one of the oldest native-born citizens of Granby, where his birth occurred July 26, 1816, has been intimately associated with the agricultural, manufacturing, and financial interests of Hampshire County for more than half a century.

His parents, Willard and Sarah (Cook) Taylor, were both lifelong residents of Granby. Willard's death occurred in January, 1834, and his wife's in January, 1842. The father was a farmer by occupation, in which he met with signal success. He and his wife had eleven children, as follows: Francis, who died in infancy; Sarah, born in 1810, the widow of the late David S. Cook, and now living with her son in Lexington, Mass.; Francis (second), who died in infancy; George W., deceased, the father of Willard A. Taylor, of whom a sketch is presented on another page; Frederick, the subject of this notice; Speedy, born in 1818, who died at the age of twenty-seven years; Willard, who died at the age of two and one-half years; Francis E., born in

1820, who died in March, 1894; Horace W., born in 1823, now a prominent attorney of Rockford, Ill.; Pamelia, the wife of Julius G. Lyman, of Hartford, Conn.; and one other who died in infancy.

Frederick Taylor, in common with his brothers and sisters, had every advantage that the county afforded for acquiring an education. After the death of his father, which occurred when he was eighteen years old, he and his brother assumed the management of the home farm. He had been employed in this way for twelve or more years, when he engaged in the manufacture of paper. Purchasing a mill he started the business and had acquired an extensive trade, when in 1865 his mill was burned. He then bought a mill in South Hadley and resumed business, continuing until 1883, when he was again burned out. After this second conflagration he remained in the business but one year longer. By his excellent management and superior business tact he has accumulated an ample competency, and is now living retired from the activities of business, enjoying the fruits of his earlier years of unwearied toil.

Mr. Taylor has been twice married. On January 5, 1840, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah H. Knight, who was born in Stafford, Conn., November 21, 1819, a daughter of the Rev. Joseph Knight, who subsequently located in Granby. Her death occurred October 5, 1855. They had five children, as follows: Joseph K., born December 6, 1840, who served in the late rebellion, and at the battle in Charleston, W. Va., August 21, 1864, received injuries that caused his death nine days later; a child, born April 1, 1848, who died in infancy; Frank A., born August 25, 1851, who died March 2, 1858; Henry F., born September 26, 1853, who died April 25, 1854; and Sarah H., born April 3, 1855, who

died October 7, 1855. Mr. Taylor's second marriage was with Mary Ingraham Cowles, on November 2, 1856. She is a native of Granby, born May 29, 1835, being a daughter of Lucius and Mary (Ingraham) Cowles. The father was born in Granby, and died in this place April 6, 1870. Mrs. Cowles was born in South Hadley, her death occurring in that town also, on September 12, 1885. They were the parents of three children: Mary Ingraham (Mrs. Taylor), Ruth Eliza, and Sarah Irene. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, the following being their record: Georgie, born January 5, 1858, died on the 21st of the following March; Helen Irene, born March 30, 1859, died March 21, 1865; Frederick Cowles, born November 4, 1860, now pastor of the Congregational Church in Hyde Park, Vt.; Arthur Strong, born August 17, 1862, died September 11, 1864; Angeline Cook, born September 24, 1864, died March 11, 1865; Horace Sanders, born March 19, 1866, a farmer in Granby; Mary Irene, born June 22, 1868, formerly a successful teacher, but now living at home; Harry Horton, born July 26, 1870, on the staff of the Boston *Herald*; an infant, born October 24, 1874, lived but a brief time; and Grace Agnes, born August 7, 1880.

Mr. Taylor has been the architect of his own fortunes. This he accomplished by giving close attention to his business, and the exercise of other qualities which won for him the confidence and respect of the business community. In his earlier years he was identified with the Whigs, but since the formation of the Republican party has been one of its warmest supporters. He has served most satisfactorily in various town offices, having been Assessor, Selectman, and also a Justice of the Peace for fourteen years. He is a Trustee of the People's Bank, and a stockholder in the Park

Bank and the Home Bank, of Holyoke. He has been a Director in the latter institution for years. He is an active worker in religious circles, and, with his family, belongs to the Congregational church.



GEORGE A. BILLINGS, whose portrait accompanies the present sketch, is a prosperous farmer and a representative of one of the oldest families in Hatfield. He was born in this town, May 26, 1846, son of Erastus and Artimisia (Ford) Billings. Mr. Billings is a lineal descendant of Richard and Marjorie Billings, who emigrated from England and located in Hartford, Conn., in 1640. In 1661 they settled in Hatfield, Mass., and were the original occupants of the farm where Mrs. J. D. Billings now resides. Richard Billings died March 13, 1679. The descent continues through Samuel and Sarah (Fellows) Billings, who settled in Hatfield, and were the parents of Samuel, Ebenezer, Richard, and John, who was killed in the Indian wars, and Sarah. Samuel Billings, Jr., was born in Hatfield, and succeeded to the possession of the homestead. He married Hannah Wright, and his children were: Sarah, Joseph, Zachariah, and Benjamin. The next in line was Zachariah Billings, born in 1702, who married Ruth Meekins, and whose children were: David, Sybil, Lydia, and Silas. Captain Silas Billings, George A. Billings's great-grandfather, bought the farm directly opposite the Billings homestead. He married Marian Dickinson, by whom he had four children: Joseph, Erastus, Roswell, and Ruth. He died June 6, 1808, survived by his wife, who died in 1836, aged ninety years. Erastus Billings, the first of the name, who was a Colonel in the War of 1812, was born June 30, 1778. He resided with his parents as

long as they lived, and inherited the farm, which he conducted with success, becoming the owner of other real estate. He was a Whig in politics, and took a prominent part in public affairs, serving in various town offices. Colonel Erastus Billings died October 27, 1838. His wife, whose maiden name was Abigail Allis, became the mother of four children, as follows: Fanny E., Silas, John, and Erastus. Mrs. Abigail A. Billings died in 1829, aged fifty years.

Erastus Billings, the younger, was born in Hatfield, May 11, 1809, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. On reaching manhood he bought the old parsonage, which was formerly the homestead of the Rev. Hope Atherton, the first minister to settle in Hatfield; and he also purchased twelve acres of land adjoining. He remodelled the house, built a new barn, and otherwise improved the property, which he cultivated with success. Prospering in worldly affairs he bought other real estate in Hatfield, and erected a tenement-house for investment purposes. The family owned a mill, which is now operated by J. E. Porter, and conducted it successfully for a number of years. Erastus Billings was largely interested in the cultivation of tobacco, which he carried on with profitable results, until failing eyesight compelled him to relinquish active business. He has been an energetic and industrious business man; and to these praiseworthy qualities, in addition to his natural ability, is due his success in life. His wife, Artimisia Ford, was a native of Somers, Conn. She died in 1877, having been the mother of four children, as follows: Henry P.; Erastus F., who is Postmaster of Hatfield; Albert, who died in infancy; and George A., the subject of this sketch.

George A. Billings was educated in the public schools of Hatfield and at the Monson



GEORGE A. BILLINGS.



Academy. He has always resided at the homestead, and has devoted his attention to general farming and the cultivation of tobacco. He is agent for Sutter Brothers, tobacco dealers of Chicago, for whom he buys leaf tobacco, of which he is a competent judge. He has improved the farm and buildings, and his homestead is classed among the finest in Hatfield. He is a Republican in politics, and has served in several of the town offices.

On December 6, 1871, Mr. Billings was united in marriage to Abbie F. Graves, who was born in Hatfield, daughter of Jonathan S. and Caroline (Smith) Graves, both now deceased. Her father, who was a prominent farmer and a Deacon of the Congregational church, died at the age of sixty-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Billings are members of the Congregational church. They have five children, namely: Mabel L., born August 7, 1872; Albert G., born August 4, 1879; Laura F., born July 17, 1882; George R., born December 30, 1883; and Minnie A., born April 13, 1888.

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**L**UTHER CLARK WRIGHT, who is well and favorably known in Northampton as the superintendent of the water works, was born in that place on April 21, 1844, son of Ozro C. and Emeline (Clark) Wright.

Following back the genealogy of the Wright family, the first progenitor in this country has been found in Samuel Wright, who came from England with the first settlers of Dorchester, Mass. He subsequently moved to Springfield, and later, about the year 1656, to Northampton, which has since then been the home of this branch of the family. Of his son, James Wright, and his grandson, Preserved Wright, who are the two next in line, but

little is now known except that they followed the avocation of farmer. Ephraim Wright, the son of Preserved Wright, and the great-great-grandfather of Luther Clark Wright, was one of the leading and most influential men of the district in the latter half of the eighteenth century. He took an active part in public affairs, filled various town offices with honor, and was also sent several times to the General Assembly at Boston. He displayed equal zeal in matters pertaining to the church. The home occupied by him was the one established by Samuel Wright, situated just west of the railway crossing on Main Street, near the Sullivan Block. His son, Ephraim Wright, Jr., became the father of Zenas Wright, who was the grandfather of the subject of this biography. He married Miss Martha Clapp, of Westhampton, a daughter of Oliver Clapp. She bore her husband four sons and a daughter, all of whom reached adult life. Of these, Ephraim M., was a graduate of Williams College, became a teacher in Williston Seminary, entered the ministry, and for several years was pastor over the Congregational church of Dayton, Ohio, also preaching at different places in New England. On account of failing health and a bronchial affection he was obliged to leave the ministry, to the regret of his parishioners and friends. After this, for about seven years, he was employed in the custom-house, and for a year acceptably filled the office of Secretary of the State of Massachusetts. Martin went to Illinois when a young man, and there became a wealthy and most successful farmer. Charles C. resided at Agawam, Mass., where he was profitably engaged in agricultural pursuits; and in his official position of County Commissioner he has settled more estates than any other man in Hampden County. The other son was Ozro C., father of Luther Clark Wright. Mary A.,

the only daughter, is the wife of Charles F. Lyman, of Chicago, who formerly held the position of High Sheriff in Dixon, Ill., but has now retired from active business. She is a graduate of Mount Holyoke Seminary, and previous to her marriage was engaged in teaching. The mother died in 1848, fifty-eight years of age. The father married again and lived until 1861, attaining the age of seventy-six years. Their remains rest in the West Farms cemetery.

Ozro C. Wright settled in early manhood in West Farms, not far from the old homestead. He afterward went to Illinois, where he purchased lands, intending to settle there. His plans were changed, however; and after the death of his father he moved, in 1864, to Northampton Centre. In company with his sons, Silas M. and Luther C., he purchased near Mount Tom a large farm of two hundred acres, which is known as the Asahel Lyman farm. It is now owned by the sons and is managed by Silas M. The father was a man of industrious habits; and, though possessing little cash capital, he became a successful farmer. In 1849, being enthused with the California gold fever, he went thither by way of the Isthmus, and was away from home a year, during which time he met with a fair degree of success in his explorations. While there he was a member of the Holyoke Mining Camp, of whom but two now survive. His wife, Emeline Clark before marriage, was a daughter of Luther and Deborah (Robinson) Clark, of Easthampton; and their marriage occurred on November 1, 1841. She bore him the two sons previously mentioned, Silas M. and Luther Clark; also one daughter, Harriet E., now the wife of John E. Bates.

Luther Clark Wright received his early education in the public schools, supplemented by a course at Williston Seminary. He then en-

gaged in farming until 1884, when he was elected the first Tax Collector of the city of Northampton. He came to the latter place to live in 1864, locating on Fruit Street. He was united in marriage on May 23, 1895, to Mrs. M. R. Kingsley, who was born in Montreal. She had lost her first husband three years after their marriage. At the time of her second union she was Assistant Librarian in the Northampton Public Library, a position she had filled for nine years with satisfaction to its patrons.

Mr. Wright votes in the ranks of the Republican party, of which he is a faithful supporter. He is prominent in city affairs, and was chosen to succeed Mr. Clark as superintendent of the water works, chiefly upon the recommendation of the latter at the time of his resignation. Since then he has amply demonstrated his ability to fulfil the duties of that office. He and his wife, who is a woman of rare intelligence, reside at their fine new residence at 32 Crescent Street.

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**M**ARTIN WILLCUTT, widely known as a prosperous agriculturist and an extensive stock-raiser, was born in Chesterfield, August 23, 1827, son of Major Joel and Malency (Bates) Willcutt.

Major Willcutt was a farmer of industrious habits, and soon after his marriage, which was performed in Cummington, settled on a farm in this locality, and followed his customary occupation for a time. He subsequently sold his original purchase, bought the homestead property where his son Martin now resides, and thereafter made its cultivation and improvement one of the chief objects of his life. He died in August, 1882. He was interested in military tactics, and for many years was drum-major in the old Home Guard. His

wife, who was his faithful companion and counsellor for more than half a century, died in 1877. They reared a family of eleven children, namely: Jesse, a resident of Cummington; Clarissa, deceased; Malinda, wife of Ebenezer Shaw, of Cummington; Alvin, who died in Cummington in 1893; Martin, the subject of this sketch; Rhoda, deceased; Lucretia, wife of Henry Dyer, of Cummington; Lydia, wife of Alexus Wells, of Cummington; Clarissa, wife of Abner Damon, of Williamsburg; Joel, deceased; and Maria, wife of William Wells, of Williamsburg.

Martin Willcutt spent his childhood and youth in very much the same manner as most farmers' boys, by turns attending school and helping in the labors of the farm, but remaining beneath the parental roof-tree until marriage. He afterward worked at the carpenter's trade in this town and in Cummington for several years, and was likewise engaged to some extent in farming. After the death of his father Mr. Willcutt, who had always taken an interest in farm work, bought the claims of the remaining heirs in the homestead property, and has since carried on general farming with success. He has added much to the improvements already begun. There is a substantial and convenient set of buildings, with all the equipments required by a first-class modern agriculturist. He raises hay, corn, and the small grains, and makes a specialty of stock-raising, handling a large number of cattle each year.

On February 9, 1851, Mr. Willcutt was united in marriage with Miss Millury J. Shaw, a native of Cummington, being a daughter of Ebenezer Shaw, an early settler of that place. Mr. Willcutt champions the principles of the Democratic party, and, although not an aspirant for public office, has served his town as Road Surveyor, as well as in some of the

minor offices. He is a true and loyal citizen in every respect, and has an unblemished reputation as a straightforward and upright man and a worthy member of society.

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**B**RADSHAW H. STONE has been a resident of Northampton for more than thirty years, having settled in his present home at 200 State Street, in 1862. He is a native of Windham, Vt., where he was born February 6, 1825, son of Horace W. and Hannah (Fisher) Stone.

Horace W. Stone was born in Ashburnham, Mass., January 6, 1800, being a son of Joseph Stone, of whose record little is definitely known. He was a railroad contractor, spending the larger part of his life in New England, dying August 29, 1887, in Northampton. He had several contracts on the Boston & Albany Railroad, the Hartford, the Connecticut River, and the Fitchburg roads. In 1853 he built a portion of the Wabash & Indiana Railroad. Seven children were born to him and his wife, of whom five grew to adult life. These were: Bradshaw H., the subject of this sketch; Orlando F., formerly engaged in farming at Westminster, Vt., who died December 30, 1863, aged thirty-seven years; George Kirk, formerly a trainman, who was killed December 1, 1853, aged twenty-one years; Evander M., formerly a baggage master, who died September 15, 1863, aged twenty-eight years; and Hannah M., widow of the late Malery Locke, of Chicago, Ill.

Bradshaw H. Stone was reared to manhood on his father's farm. He subsequently assisted his father in his business of contracting and building. He was first employed as a train master on the Cheshire Railway, and afterward as section man on the Connecticut River road. He was also a train conductor for

many years, and a road master for a shorter time. He is now quietly engaged cultivating a meadow farm of nine acres, on which he keeps a horse and cow. In politics he was a Whig, but since the organization of the Republican party he has been one of its strongest adherents. He was superintendent of streets for sixteen years, and had charge of much of the work of constructing the city water works. Religiously, both he and his wife are valued members of the Baptist church, and active workers in the denomination.

Mr. Stone has been twice married. He was first married November 17, 1850, to Mary Ellen Stoddard, who died fourteen months after. On December 6, 1852, Mr. Stone was united in wedlock a second time with Eliza P. Barrett, born August 15, 1823, in Windham, Vt., a daughter of Simeon and Edith (Farr) Barrett. Mrs. Stone was liberally educated, and for several years prior to her marriage was engaged in teaching school. Of the union two children have been born, namely: Kirk H., who has been book-keeper for eighteen years with the same firm, is married and has four children, three sons and a daughter; and Urban S., a ranchman at Montrose, Col. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are highly esteemed by their neighborhood.

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**G**EORGE SMITH, a lifelong resident and native of Middlefield, Hampshire County, and one of the best-known agriculturists of that town, was born on July 17, 1834, son of Asa and Sally (Root) Smith.

His father, who was a native of Connecticut, where he was born March 23, 1788, when a small boy, came with his parents to Massachusetts, making the journey thither on horseback. They settled in Middlefield, where

Grandfather Smith purchased a large farm, on which he passed the remainder of his life, engaged in the healthful labors of farming. Asa Smith successfully followed the same occupation throughout his life. He died May 6, 1869. His wife, who was born August 19, 1790, was a native of Massachusetts, as were both her parents. She died September 3, 1836. Their union was blessed with nine children. Asenath, the eldest, born September 17, 1811, married Parsons P. Meacham, a successful farmer in New York State, both of whom died, she October 8, 1892, and he September 6, 1887. Six children were born to them; namely, Harriett (deceased), George (deceased), Charles H., Francis W., Cynthia C. (deceased), and Lawrence L. Calvin Smith, born July 17, 1813, died August 23, 1814. Calvin Smith (second), born December 9, 1814, married for his first wife Miss Harriet M. Crozier, who was born March 18, 1818, and died in March, 1842. He then married his second wife, Miss Aurelia Loveland, who was born August 18, 1822. He had one son by his first union, Jerome, and four sons by the second union: Edwin; Dwight (deceased); Lofton J.; and Frank. Calvin Smith died December 10, 1882. Harriett Smith, born April 6, 1817, died January 6, 1844. Almira Smith, born September 4, 1819, married Benjamin Pratt, and died March 4, 1889, leaving five children: Clara, Arthur D., Sumner G. (deceased), Elma, and Edwin D. Caroline Smith, born February 11, 1822, married Edwin Dudley, and died June 1, 1894, leaving five children: Emma M., Oakley S., Helen E., Lofton F., and Carroll E. Harmony Smith, born June 4, 1824, is the widow of Cyrus Dudley, who died January 26, 1876; she now resides in New Jersey. Angeline, born December 15, 1828, died May 7, 1829.





OREN WILLIAMS.

George Smith, the youngest of the family and the subject of this sketch, remained with his parents and helped his father in carrying on the farm. After their death he purchased the old homestead, which he has profitably conducted since. He devotes his attention principally to general farming, raising good crops of the staple products of the vicinity. He also engages to some extent in dairying.

Mr. Smith has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was united November 12, 1862, was Miss Anna Belle Walker, who was born in 1844. She died September 1, 1866, leaving one son, Arthur L., whose birth occurred September 1, 1863; he married Miss Florence Marshall, and is now a successful physician in New Brunswick, N.J. Mr. Smith's second union was with Miss Julia E. Bartlett, a native of Worthington, where she was born December 25, 1847, daughter of Asa and Polly Bartlett, both of whom were also natives of Massachusetts. Her father is a carpenter by trade, and is also engaged in farming. Her mother died June 24, 1891. Mrs. Smith has borne her husband five children: Herbert, born April 9, 1870, who died October 1, 1870; George Ernest, born April 14, 1872, who died August 19, 1872; Edith M., born December 9, 1873; Walter A., born December 1, 1875; and Kirby W., born July 11, 1880.

Mr. Smith is a faithful supporter of the Republican party, and has always been actively interested in politics. He and his wife are communicants of the Baptist church at Middlefield.



REN WILLIAMS, one of the old and respected residents of the beautiful college town of Amherst, was born in South Amherst, September 16, 1812, and comes of a race of independent farmers. His

parents were Justice and Sally (Warner) Williams. His paternal grandfather, Justice Williams, Sr., who was one of the first settlers of South Amherst, owning and tilling a large farm there, was an industrious and thrifty man, whose labors were crowned with success. He and his wife, Sarah Pomeroy Williams, both lived to be quite old. They were church members, attending what is now the Second Congregational Church. They had a family of seven children, all of whom attained maturity.

Justice Williams, the younger, was a hard-working and successful man. At one time he owned what is now the town farm in South Amherst; and during his whole lifetime he was a large property owner, winning from the soil a comfortable livelihood. In politics he was a Whig, and was a leading man in the district, serving as Sheriff for a number of years. He died on his farm at the age of fifty-six, his wife living to be sixty-three. They had six children—five sons and a daughter—only one of whom, the subject of this sketch, is living to-day.

Oren Williams grew to manhood on the old farm. He attended the district schools of South Amherst, and studied one term at Amherst Academy, then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and up to 1882 was successfully engaged in general farming, being industrious and painstaking, shirking no task, however difficult, and a good business man. At one time he owned three hundred acres of land; but in 1882 he sold his farm, and purchased a pretty home in Amherst, where he now resides retired from active work.

On May 29, 1839, Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Eliza J., daughter of Sylvanus and Sukey (Joslyn) Howe, who was born in Enfield, Mass., November 17, 1812. Sylvanus Howe also was a farmer; and his

life was passed far from the noise of city traffic, in the open country, where

"Mother Nature laughs around,  
Where even the deep blue heavens look glad,  
And gladness breathes from the blossoming ground."

Mr. Howe was a good citizen, he and his wife both being members of the Congregational church, and was universally regretted when he passed from earth, at the age of seventy-two. Mrs. Howe, long surviving her husband, attained the advanced age of eighty-seven. Four of their six children are now living.

Politically, Mr. Williams is a Republican. He and his wife are Congregationalists, attending the church at South Amherst. They have no children. Deservedly esteemed by all who know them, this venerable couple are ending their days in the peace and comfort which are the fitting rewards of early and long-continued useful toil. A portrait of Mr. Oren Williams is appropriately placed in this collection of Hampshire County worthies.



**D**AVID EDWARDS HOXIE, a well-to-do farmer of Northampton, Mass., was born February 25, 1840, in the house in which he still resides. Nearly one hundred and fifty years have elapsed since Nathaniel Edwards, third, the first occupant of the farm, took possession of it.

Nathaniel was a descendant of Alexander Edwards, who came to this country from Wales. This progenitor was a tanner by trade, and also engaged in sheep and cattle raising at the start. He afterward combined these avocations with that of tavern-keeper. His inn was close by the first toll-gate west of Northampton, on the Boston and Albany turnpike, over which the stage lines ran. With

the advent of steam railways to take the place of the old coach lines, this wayside hostelry, like others of the same description, was abandoned some forty-five years ago. Mr. Hoxie's maternal grandfather, Captain David Edwards, was born in Northampton; and his wife, Pen-ninah Judd, was a daughter of Sylvester Judd, of Westhampton. They were the parents of five children, two sons and three daughters, all of whom, except one son, married. The youngest, who was the last survivor, died in 1895, aged seventy-eight years. His first wife having died, Captain Edwards married again, but had no children by the second wife. His sister Esther married Leander Moody, and in commemoration of the event there was planted the elm-tree which now overshades Mr. Hoxie's home.

Grandfather James Hoxie, who had lost one limb, was a tailor by trade, and originally lived in Rhode Island, whence he came on horseback accompanied by his wife, who rode behind him on a pillion.

Benjamin B. Hoxie, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Greenfield in 1809. He afterward removed to Charlemont, where his youth was spent. At the age of eighteen years he came to the farm on which his son resides and learned the tanner's business of Nathaniel Edwards, third. About 1834 he went to that part of New York State on which the city of Buffalo has since arisen, then covered with timber, and spent the succeeding two years in the woods there. At the end of that time he returned to Northampton, and, with the exception of a brief visit to California, there spent the remainder of his life. He engaged in the tanning business in partnership with his brother-in-law, Horace Wright, and also carried on his farm, which contained between four and five hundred acres of land. He was married in 1833, to Miss Hannah

Burt Edwards, a grand-daughter of Nathaniel Edwards, third. They reared two of the five children born of their union, namely: David Edwards; and Esther Moody, wife of Alphonso Witherell, residing in Northampton Centre, and mother of one son, Philip Witherell.

David Edwards Hoxie was reared on the farm in Northampton, and after completing the course in the district school entered Williston Seminary. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in Company C of the Tenth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. This regiment was the first which went to the front from Western Massachusetts. This was in the spring of 1861. In the spring of 1863 he was discharged on account of disability. Five years later, in 1868, he entered the employ of the Davison Watch Company, jewellers of Northampton Centre, with whom he remained until 1875, after which he conducted the business on his own account. In 1884 he closed out his store and returned home to care for his aged mother and recuperate his health. This proved profitable in a pecuniary way as well as salutary to his health and consoling to his mother.

In September, 1868, he was joined in marriage with Miss Sarah J. Perkins, of Lyme, Conn., a daughter of Charles and Temperance (Chapman) Perkins. Her parents had ten children. She now has three brothers living, namely: Elisha and George, who are well-to-do farmers in Oskaloosa, Ia.; and William, who lives in Chesterfield, Conn. These, with their brother James, served in the Civil War. James (a twin brother of Andrew J., who died aged five years) was wounded and did not live to reach his home. Mr. and Mrs. Hoxie's home has been blessed by the birth of three promising sons, namely: James Benjamin, a young man of twenty-four years, residing at home,

who was a student at the Connecticut Literary Institute; George Perkins, who is eighteen years of age, and is attending the Northampton High School; and Sylvester Edwards, a youth of thirteen years.

Mr. Hoxie has always voted the Republican ticket. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and has served as Secretary of his Chapter. He is a charter member of the William L. Baker Post, No. 86, Grand Army of the Republic. He has served on the Common Council two years, as an Alderman one year, and for three years as a member of the Board of Health. Mr. Hoxie is a man of superior intelligence, and by his business ability and integrity has won respect and esteem in both business and social intercourse.

**J**ACOB HOLLEY, the oldest liveryman in Northampton and the proprietor of a flourishing livery stable at 270 Main Street, is of German nativity, having been born in Würtemberg in the year 1826. His father, Martin Holley, was a farmer, and also engaged in the baking business, in his native country, which he never left. He married Agnes Wilbur, who bore him five sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to maturity and married. But three of them came to America, those being Jacob, the subject of this article, a sister that died in Boston in 1893, and his youngest brother, John Holley, a miller and a manufacturer of lumber in Amherst.

Jacob Holley was but six years of age when his father died. He then went to live with an uncle, who sent him to school until he was twelve years of age. He was apprenticed to the cabinet-maker's trade for a term of three years, afterward continuing to work at it until 1846. On May 5, 1847, accompanied by his

brother, John L., Mr. Holley bade adieu to his friends and the Fatherland, and started for America. The journey from London to Quebec was made in a sailing-vessel, and lasted forty-two days. Of the forty-two emigrants aboard the ship only he and his brother had any money on their arrival in Canada, and that amounted to three dollars. The brothers proceeded to Montreal, and soon found work in the haying and harvest fields, where they worked for four months at six dollars per month. Then, drawing all their wages, they journeyed to New York City, thence to Hartford, Conn., and subsequently to the neighboring town of Broad Brook, where, at length, they secured work in the woollen factory, receiving six dollars per month and board. Six months later they went to Leeds, then called Shafer's Hollow, in Hampshire County, and again found employment in a woollen factory. They labored twelve hours each day through the winter for small pay, and were glad to do so. In the spring Mr. Holley found a situation in the grist-mill at Northampton, a position which he retained nearly eleven years. Beginning with the modest salary of twelve dollars and fifty cents a month, his pay was increased from time to time until he received ten dollars and fifty cents per week. In 1857, having accumulated some money, he purchased the livery property of Ashael Wood, including residence and stable, and has since carried on the business. The strict and honorable methods he has adopted were guarantees of the success he has had. They have won for him in an especial manner the confidence and patronage of the best people in the city. From eighteen to thirty horses are used, and he employs from three to five men. By thrift, shrewdness, and foresight in the business, he has acquired a considerable property in real estate, being the owner of a ten-acre lot on

King Street and of a valuable farm in Chesterfield. He is an industrious and respected citizen and an independent voter, being bound to neither man nor party.

On October 13, 1853, Mr. Holley was married to Anna Jones Graves, a native of Ireland; and they had three sons and two daughters. Two of the sons have passed away, William L. dying in Northampton at the age of twenty years, and Robert Jacob in St. Joseph, Mo., aged twenty-three years. The latter was a very smart and active young man. His body was brought back to the home of his nativity and placed in the cemetery beside that of his brother. The record of the children living is as follows: Anna J., who married H. P. Dewey, has a son ten years of age; Agnes M. lives with her sister; Henry Graves Holley is a farmer and deals largely in meat. The mother died in 1887; and Mr. Holley subsequently married her sister, Maria E. Graves. Mr. Holley is a fine representative of the sturdy and thrifty German element that has so materially advanced the industrial interests of the country.

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**M**ON. MONROE KEITH, one of the substantial business men of the town of Granby and a leading member of the farming community, was born on the farm where he now resides, March 28, 1835. His father, Avery Keith, who was a native of Belchertown, this county, born November 5, 1802, came to Granby in 1832. He was a tiller of the soil and bought the family homestead, which includes thirty-one and one-half acres, for the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars. He cleared and improved the land, working laboriously for many years. He relinquished the management to his son, Monroe, a few years prior to his decease, which occurred December 27, 1863. His wife,

whose maiden name was Lydia Hathaway, was born in Eastern Connecticut in 1803, and died on the home farm, December 26, 1873. They were the parents of three children, as follows: Marietta, born July 25, 1825, who married A. T. Sabin, and died March 26, 1885, in Ross, Mich.; Margaret, who died in infancy; and Monroe, the subject of this notice.

In common with the farmers' children of his day, Monroe Keith acquired a good public-school education. To this was added a valuable experience in farming, gained in assisting his father. On the death of the latter he took the entire control of the property, which he has carried on since with remarkable success. His rule is never to be satisfied with less than the best possible results. His land is in a high state of cultivation. In addition to general farming Mr. Keith has been considerably interested in the lumber business, which he has found quite profitable. A citizen in whom his fellow-townsmen have confidence, he has served with credit to himself and with honor to his constituents in various offices, having been Assessor from 1870 until 1875, Selectman for nine years, during eight of which he was chairman of the board, and in 1876 a Representative to the State legislature. He is a decided Democrat in his political views and quite prominent in party movements. He is at present one of the Directors of the Granby Co-operative Creamery Association, for which he supervises the sales of butter.

On November 29, 1859, Mr. Keith was united in marriage with Caroline A. Nash, a native of Hampden County, born December 22, 1838, being a daughter of Asahel and Samantha (Robinson) Nash, both of whom died in Ludlow, Hampden County. Mr. and Mrs. Keith have a daughter, Alice Bertha, who was born May 10, 1871, and died August 21, 1894. She married J. Leroy Simonds,

who now makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Keith, and assists in the labors of the farm.

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**A**LBERT NICHOLS, a veteran agriculturist, is one of the oldest native-born citizens of Hampshire County, his birth having occurred in the town of Chesterfield, January 5, 1812. He is a son of the late Joshua Nichols, who was born in Plymouth County, Mass., in that part of the town of Pembroke now included within the limits of Hanson. Joshua Nichols was a farmer by occupation, and came to this county in his early manhood. He was united in marriage to one of Chesterfield's fairest daughters, Miss Rebecca Witherell, who died in 1828. He was a man of prominence in these parts, having served as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor. After living to a good old age he died in 1853. He reared nine children, of whom Albert, the subject of this sketch, is the only survivor. Those deceased were: Olive, Harvey, Varnum, Lucy, Mary, John, Asahel, and Theron.

Albert Nichols received a good education in the public schools, and at the age of sixteen years began to assist his father on the homestead. On reaching his majority, he hired out his services among the neighboring farmers. Having saved up a little money he went westward in 1834, locating in Geauga County, Ohio. Here he spent three years working in the fields during seed-time and harvest, and teaching school in a pioneer log house in the winter season. In 1837 Mr. Nichols, being entirely satisfied with his share of experience in frontier life, returned to Chesterfield, and, after attending the academy one term, bought a farm, which he labored hard to clear and improve. Twenty years later he disposed of that and bought a small

tract of land in the village, which he tilled successfully for another score of years. He bought the farm where he now resides in 1863-65. This property has also prospered, it being now well under cultivation and substantially improved.

On April 12, 1838, Mr. Nichols was united in marriage with Clarinda B. Johnson, a daughter of William and Sylvia Johnson, respectively natives of Williamsburg and Mansfield, Mass. Mr. Johnson spent his entire life in Williamsburg. Mrs. Johnson survived him, and passed her declining years at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nichols. The latter became the parents of three children: Warner B., William J., and John H. The eldest son, Warner, was a clerk in the employment of the government when the late rebellion broke out, and enlisted from Washington in a regiment of cavalry. At the close of hostilities he returned to Washington, obtained a position as clerk in a land office, and remained a resident of that city until his death, June 14, 1875. William J. likewise served in the late Civil War, and at the battle of the Wilderness received a gunshot wound, from the effects of which he died at the hospital in Washington, May 30, 1864. John H., now a resident of Brooklyn, was educated in the navy. He has been twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Emma Robbins, died in Hartford, Conn.; and he subsequently married his present wife, Mrs. Sallie Muse, of Virginia.

While so laudably attending to his own interests Mr. Nichols has not been unmindful of the interests of his native town and county. He has served both with ability and fidelity in several official capacities. For a quarter of a century he was Town Clerk, was Selectman and Assessor for many years, has been an earnest worker in behalf of the schools all his

life, and was a member of the School Board from 1838 until 1875. He was also a Justice of the Peace for a long period of time, his term of office having expired August 24, 1895. Three different terms Mr. Nichols represented his district in the State legislature, serving twice in the lower house and one term in the Senate. In politics the subject was at one time identified with the Know Nothing party. He afterward became a Republican, but of late years he votes the Prohibition ticket.

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**H**ORACE CLARK, one of the town fathers of Greenwich, Mass., a village resident actively engaged in general farming and cattle dealing, was born in Wells, Me., January 29, 1820, son of Moses and Abigail (Hobbs) Clark, both natives of Wells. Mr. Clark's great-grandfather, Jonathan Clark, who was born in the north of Ireland, was one of the first settlers of Wells, a sturdy pioneer who died on the land which he cleared. His son Nathan, who also was a farmer, was a well-read man for his day, and held a leading position among the citizens of Wells, both on account of his intelligence and his success in business matters. In politics a Whig, he was elected to all the important offices of the town, serving as Town Clerk for many years and as Selectman for a number of terms. He attended the Baptist church, though not a member, and lived an exemplary life. He died in his native town when seventy-nine years of age.

Moses Clark, son of Nathan and the father of Horace Clark, was born in 1798. He followed the profession of teaching from early manhood up to the time of his death, spending the greater part of his life in his native town. He lived but forty-six years, being killed in a steamboat explosion on the Ohio River in



HORACE CLARK.



1844. His wife, who was born in 1797, died in 1857. In politics Moses Clark was a Democrat. He and his wife attended the Baptist church. They had a family of seven children, all of whom reached maturity, but four are now dead; namely, James, Sylvia, Charles, and Erastus. James was killed by the Indians while on his way home from California. Erastus was Captain of Company C, Twelfth Massachusetts Regiment, and served during the whole of the late war. The living children of Moses Clark are: Horace, above named; Jane, wife of Darius Barry, of Lynn, Mass.; and Nathan, who resides in Lynn, and is prominent in the Democratic politics of that city.

Horace Clark grew to manhood on the home farm, receiving the rudiments of his education in the schools of his native town. But he was not satisfied with the knowledge thus acquired, and, going to work in a store in Boston at the age of sixteen, saved his earnings in order to complete his education. He worked two years; and his father allowed him fifty dollars of the money he saved, taking which he went to Hanover, and there prepared himself for college. He attended the college one year, eking out his tuition fee by doing various things and teaching during the vacations of 1839; but in 1841, owing to ill health, he gave up his studies, and the following year enlisted in the United States Army, and served in the Mexican War. Mr. Clark was not at the time aware that he was enlisting, thinking, when he signed his papers, that he was securing a position as surveyor for the government; but, finding himself entrapped, he made the best of the situation, and served five years with credit. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal, and was at the Carlile Barracks thirteen months, being then assigned to Company C, attached to the Second Regi-

ment of Dragoons. Subsequently he was made First Sergeant of Company C. At the end of his term of enlistment he went to Lynn to learn the morocco dresser's trade, which he followed for some time, acting as foreman in a morocco factory for over three years. He then established a factory of his own, and for twenty-eight years was successfully engaged in the morocco business in Lynn, part of the time associated with his brother under the firm name of H. & N. Clark, part of the time alone. Mr. Clark eventually disposed of his manufacturing interests, and in September, 1878, moved to Greenwich, purchasing the estate on which he now resides. This farm, which covers two hundred acres, is one of the best in the town. He carries on general farming, and makes a specialty of fattening veal for the Boston market, keeping from ten to twelve milch cows to aid in feeding the calves which he buys. The dwelling-house which Mr. Clark occupies is one of the oldest in the town, having been erected in 1766, and is widely known as the old Hines Tavern. It is in a fine state of preservation, and is a monument to the good workmanship of the builders of the last century. On this farm, too, is a grand old elm-tree, supposed to be the oldest tree in the county.

Mr. Clark's first wife, Sarah L. Newcomb, to whom he was united in 1848, died in 1855; and his second wife, Rachel Stimson, whom he married two years later, died in 1858. In 1888 he married his third wife, Naomi E. Dutton, a native of Sackville, N.B. Mr. Clark has two children living. His son Charles K. died at the age of forty-two; William H. resides in Lynn; and Lillian B. is the wife of Frank Galloup, also a resident of that city.

In politics Mr. Clark is independent. He has held nearly all the public offices of the

town of Greenwich, serving as Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, and in other capacities; and in educational matters he is a moving spirit, his great desire now being to see a high school established in Greenwich. On religious matters he holds liberal views. He is a man who believes in doing everything well, and his farm to-day is one of the best-kept farms in Greenwich. His portrait is given on a neighboring page.

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**T**HOMAS FORD, a well-known farmer and market gardener of Hadley, was born in Chewmagna, England, December 25, 1840, son of Thomas and Charlotte (Godfrey) Ford. The father of Mr. Ford was a native of Chewmagna, where he followed the trade of a blacksmith and practised as veterinary surgeon. He died in his native town in 1847. His wife, who was born in Long Ashton, England, became the mother of four sons, as follows: Thomas, the subject of this sketch; William, who resides in Chewmagna; Charles, also in England; and James, who died in 1851. She died June 1, 1887.

Thomas Ford resided with his mother, and after the death of his father assisted in her support. He worked as a farm laborer until 1870, when, on April 14 of that year, he, in company with his wife and child, emigrated to America, and settled in Hadley. After working here for twenty months as a farm laborer he moved to North Hadley, where he continued in the same occupation until 1884, and then purchased his present farm. The property contains fifty acres and is receiving constant improvement. Mr. Ford makes a specialty of raising vegetables for the markets of Hadley and Northampton. He is very prosperous and highly respected, and entitled to the credit of having earned for himself both

the property and reputation he at present enjoys.

Mr. Ford was married June 10, 1867, to Sarah Tovey, of Manchester, England, who was born June 2, 1838, daughter of Moses and Mary (Keating) Tovey. Her father was of English and her mother of Irish ancestry, and both died in England. Mrs. Ford has been the mother of four children, namely: Edgar Joseph, who died September 24, 1883; Charles W., who resides in Springfield; Robert John; and Alexander Thomas. Mr. Ford is a Republican in politics.

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**E**DWIN B. CLAPP, prosperously engaged in general farming in Westhampton, is a man of push and energy, sparing no effort to make a success of whatever he undertakes. He was born May 17, 1864, in Westhampton, which is also the birthplace of his parents, Reuben Wright and Susan (Burt) Clapp. His father is a prominent agriculturist of this locality, and has served in various public offices, having been Selectman and Assessor for many years. Of the family of eight children the following is chronicled: Ellen, now a resident of Holyoke, is the widow of the late Augustus Allyn; Laura, residing in Northampton, is the wife of Frederick Dayton, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; George B. died at the age of thirty-two years; Lyman W. is the subject of a sketch on another page; Mattie died when fourteen years old; Edwin B. is the subject of this sketch; Susan M., wife of William H. Lyman, lives in Westhampton; and Mary died when but two years of age.

Edwin B. Clapp attended the district schools, acquiring a substantial education in his early days. When but eighteen years of age he began the battle of life for himself.

Leaving the home farm he secured a position as clerk, and later as book-keeper, in the Hadley Falls National Bank at Holyoke, where he remained three years. After this, deciding to engage in the occupation to which he was reared, Mr. Clapp came back to Westhampton.

On May 10, 1887, he was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Kingsley, a daughter of Joseph and Almina (Norton) Kingsley, of Southampton. Of the happy union two children came to bless the parents, namely: Raymond, whose birth occurred in 1889; and Roger, born in 1893. After his marriage Mr. Clapp bought his present farm, which contains two hundred acres of land and whereon he has labored with persevering industry since. Its appearance to-day gives ample evidence to the passer-by of his skill and good taste as a practical farmer. The crops common to this section of the State are raised upon the land.

Mr. Clapp is an uncompromising Republican, and is a member of the Westhampton parish committee. For the past year he has been a Director in the Hampden Co-operative Creamery Association, and is likewise connected with the Cemetery Association. In religious matters both Mr. and Mrs. Clapp are members of the Congregational church, and active in the charitable work of that denomination.

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**L**EOONARD BAKER, a well-known farmer of Pelham and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Springfield, Mass., May 24, 1824, son of Daniel and Rachel (Reynolds) Baker. Daniel Baker was a native of Tolland, Conn. During his life he conducted farms in Connecticut, Vermont, and Massachusetts, finally settling upon land in the eastern part of Springfield, which is now the Eighth Ward of that city. He was a

Democrat in politics, a Methodist in religion, and died at the advanced age of ninety-six years. His wife, who was born in Troy, N.Y., became the mother of thirteen children, all of whom reached maturity except two, who died in infancy. Three are now living, namely: Lester, a resident of Springfield; Colonel Baker, of Connecticut; and Leonard, the subject of this sketch. The mother died at the age of eighty-five.

Leonard Baker was educated in the public schools of Springfield, and at the age of twenty-one commenced to learn the trade of a stone cutter, which he subsequently followed for some years. On January 4, 1864, he enlisted as a private in the Third Regiment, Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, was later transferred to the engineer's department, and was honorably discharged from service September 26, 1865. After the close of the war Mr. Baker resided in Ludlow, Mass., for some five years. Then, in 1870, he settled upon a farm in Pelham of ninety-five acres, which he has since successfully cultivated. He is a Republican in politics and a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic Post of Belchertown.

On July 4, 1850, Mr. Baker was united in marriage to Esther M. Kibbe, who was born in Springfield, Mass., December 30, 1827, daughter of Alvin Kibbe. They had two children, namely: Alice, who was born June 7, 1853, and resides with her father; and Minnie, who married Elbridge Packard, and resides in Enfield. Mrs. Baker died December 30, 1892, aged sixty-five.

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**E**LBRIDGE KINGSLEY, the "artist engraver," who has been pronounced by good authority to be as strong a personality in American art as was Jean François Millet in that of France, was born in Car-

thage, Ohio, September 17, 1842. He is a son of Moses W. and Rachel W. (Curtis) Kingsley, both natives of Hatfield, Hampshire County, Mass., in which town the former cultivated a farm. He spent his life, with the exception of a few months passed in Ohio, in Hatfield, dying there in 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley reared six children, of whom Elbridge was the oldest.

Elbridge Kingsley was reared on a farm. He gathered the elements of his education in a wooden school-house on a hill, guarded by a patriarchal elm, while his out-of-school hours were pretty well taken up with farm work. One of his duties was the task of driving the cows to "Jericho," a wild tract of land used as a common pasture, some two miles from the village. At first he drove only the cows from the home farm. Later he drove those of two of the neighbors, for which he received two shillings a week. And as the barefoot boy trudged along behind the indolent, slow-moving animals, his quick eye noted the beauties of Nature's panorama, and learned many a secret destined to be of use to him in after life. In the garret of his home was a goodly store of old papers and books, which contained many a tale of Indian warfare that made its impress on his boyish imagination. The result was that Indian chiefs and squaws, trappers and cowboys, done on brown store paper, decorated the walls of his bedroom. One warrior of gigantic frame and gorgeous trappings attracted his father's attention; and his friend, the village blacksmith, was invited in to pronounce upon the drawings. With bated breath and throbbing heart young Kingsley watched the muscular art critic, who was very near-sighted and poked his grimy fingers over the picture to assist his vision. "Pretty good, considerin'!" was the judgment rendered; and on the strength of that Elbridge was sent to

join the class of a travelling teacher who happened to be in town, giving lessons in Grecian and Oriental painting. The lessons ended in a few weeks, as the teacher, in pursuance of his itinerary, then left town. When fourteen years of age he was sent to Hopkins Academy in Hadley; and for two years he alternated between Hatfield and Hadley, attending school in winter and working on the farm in summer. In his sixteenth year he entered the office of the Hampshire *Gazette* to learn the printing trade, remaining until twenty-one years of age. In the mean time his drawing was not neglected; and sketching went on as steadily as the opportunities came, in an out-of-the-way corner of the building. In 1863, having attained his majority, and equipped with a new suit of clothes as well as with a fair knowledge of the printer's trade, he started for New York City. In the city he had many adventures such as usually befall a country boy on his first visit. He finally obtained a position as compositor on the *Tribune*. At the same time he began to attend the evening course of drawing and painting at Cooper Institute. After changing his place of employment several times he finally gave up type-setting and devoted his attention to wood engraving. Most of his work at this time was upon mechanical illustrations; but he was occasionally enabled to do a block for *Harper's*, through the firm that employed him. While in New York he was for some time city correspondent for the Hampshire *Gazette*. In 1871 he returned to Northampton and engaged in the printing and engraving business with Messrs. Snow & Harris. There he became acquainted with J. Wells Champney and C. A. Burleigh. He now began to work in oil colors out of doors, and one winter he walked daily to Amherst, in order to sketch from the casts in the college gallery. In 1874 the firm with which he was





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connected dissolved, and he went back to New York. In that year he cut a block for *Scribner's Magazine* (now the *Century*), which so pleased the art department that his connection with that publication has continued to this day. This was in reality the beginning of Mr. Kingsley's career as an engraver. He returned to Hadley every summer to do open-air sketching; and believing that an artist, in order to faithfully portray Nature, must see her in all her varied aspects, he had a car built which is a diminutive studio and dwelling-house on wheels. In 1882, while out in this car in the woods near Hatfield, Mr. Kingsley performed a feat in wood engraving that had never been attempted before. This was cutting a block directly from nature. The engraving subsequently appeared as a full-page cut in the *Century*, together with a description of his method of working by the artist. Since that time he has regularly contributed original engravings of this sort to the *Century* and to *St. Nicholas*, most of them being made from or suggested by scenery in Hampshire County. It will be readily seen that this departure raised wood engraving from the position of a handmaid of the graphic arts to that of a creative and primary art, which Mr. Kingsley claims it is. In 1885 he illustrated Whittier's "Poems of Nature."

Years ago Elbridge Kingsley was ranked by Hammerton, perhaps the ablest of English art critics, in his "Graphic Arts," as one of the best wood engravers in the world. Since then he has made a decided advance, and the power and delicacy shown in his landscape work have never been excelled. He received the highest award for wood engravings from the Paris Exposition of 1889; and in 1893 he had thirteen small engravings marked as medal winners at the Chicago Exposition. In the same year he was awarded a gold medal at the

Midwinter Fair held in San Francisco. In a lecture on wood engraving written by him he gives his ideal of what an artist should be, as follows: "Rising on the heights of knowledge but enlarges the horizon, and true art for the individual begins where his training leaves off." As a colorist Mr. Kingsley displays in his paintings a daring and originality that is unique, while nevertheless true to nature; and a recent writer places him before George Inness in the handling of color.

While in New York Mr. Kingsley was united in marriage with Miss Emma Brown, a native of New York City, of English descent. She died eight months after marriage. Three years subsequently he was again married, his bride being Elizabeth E. Cook, of Brooklyn, N.Y. She passed away in March, 1891, leaving three children — Emma B., Mary R., and Lepha N.—all of whom are living with their father.

His home is a picturesque two-story house, surrounded by well-kept lawns and hedges, situated in a pleasant part of old Hadley. He is always ready to receive a visitor who is interested in art, and to show his studio and several smaller rooms where he engraves and paints, the "den" downstairs where he reads and writes, and finally the famous car. Democratic in the extreme, he knows no difference between rich and poor; and his optimism sees a sunbeam in every shadow. His mind is an exhaustless reservoir of poetic beauty; and his heart is filled with kindness, generosity, and sympathy. Verily, "Elbridge Kingsley is a rare man, and one of whom New England may well be proud.

**D**EXTER TOWER, who is a retired carpenter and builder of Northampton, Mass., was born in the town of Cummington, Hampshire County, Mass., on

March 12, 1817, son of John M. and Ruth (Reed) Tower, the former of whom was also a native of Cummington, where he was born about 1777.

His grandfather, Stephen Tower, the descendant of an Englishman who immigrated to America in Colonial days, came from Plymouth, Mass., to Cummington, where he was one of the first settlers. John M. Tower's wife, Ruth Reed, was a daughter of a Congregational minister. They were married in Cummington in 1808, and as time passed five children were born to them, namely: John M., Jr., born in 1809; Celestina, born in 1812, who became the wife of Hiram Bartlett, and died in 1843, leaving three children; Dexter; Laura, born in 1819, who became the wife of Cephas Thayer, and died in 1890, leaving no children; and Russell, born in 1829, a prosperous farmer of Worthington, Mass. Their mother died in 1830.

Dexter Tower remained with his parents until he was thirteen years of age, and was then bound out to Russell Bartlett for the remainder of his minority to learn the carpenter's trade, the terms of apprenticeship being that he should receive one hundred dollars when he reached the age of twenty-one years in addition to his board and clothes in the mean time and three months' schooling. Having attained his majority, he engaged in work as a journeyman carpenter for a year in the town of Chester, from which place he came to Northampton, and bought his present homestead of one hundred acres, with an old house that had for many years been used as a tavern. The consideration was twenty-five hundred dollars, for the larger part of which Mr. Tower was obliged to secure credit. In 1888 he purchased a tract of land in Tonawanda, N.Y., which he divided into twenty-three lots, and kept until 1895, selling them

then for about six thousand dollars. Since he purchased his farm he has erected thereon two good houses. The large farm-house now owned and occupied by his son he built in 1877, at a cost of about four thousand dollars; and in 1884 he erected his own residence on two acres taken from the farm, selling at that time the balance to his son. He also has property in Duluth, Minn., and in Wisconsin. In Duluth are four building lots that he purchased in 1889 and ten acres of land, which, though not yet divided, is worth about six thousand dollars. He still owns seventy-five acres of land in Windsor, Berkshire County, Mass. Mr. Tower has done but little carpenter work since 1891, and is enjoying a well-merited rest, having acquired a sufficient competence to supply him with comforts and pleasures in his old age. He is well preserved for a man of his years and the great amount of hard labor he has done.

Mr. Tower's first wife, Irene P. Pierce, of Windsor, Berkshire County, Mass., a daughter of Isaac Pierce, died in August, 1886, at sixty-one years of age, having borne him two sons and two daughters: Clinton T., Climenia, Lizzie, and Perley.

Clinton T. Tower, born in 1855, is successfully engaged in dairy farming. He married for his first wife Miss Ida Bartlett, who died in April, 1888, at twenty-nine years of age, leaving two children: Arthur Clinton, now a youth of fifteen years; and George H., a lad thirteen years old. Clinton Tower was again married on July 31, 1889, to Miss Lucy L. Allen, of Florence, a daughter of Bennett and Cordelia (Warren) Allen, the former of whom was a native of Middletown, Conn., and the latter of Williamsburg, Mass. By this marriage he has two children: Clara A., born June 22, 1890; and Bertrand, born September 22, 1893. He is a member of the Common

Council from his ward. Climena Belle Tower, the wife of Fred Sweet, of Wilmington, Vt., has three children. Lizzie Tower married Caleb Hill, of Wakefield, Mass. Perley D. Tower, who is unmarried, is a farmer.

In September, 1888, Mr. Tower was again married, his second wife being Mrs. Evaline Rogers, who was left a widow with three children, namely: Sophia, a widow residing in Buffalo, N.Y.; and twin daughters—Cora and Carrie—both of whom are married. Mrs. Tower has one grandchild and two great-grandchildren, all living in Buffalo, N.Y. Mr. Tower formerly voted the Whig ticket, but since the organization of the Republican party he has been affiliated with the latter. He was reared in the Presbyterian faith. His portrait is herewith presented.

**H**ON. JOHN A. MORTON, deceased, formerly a prominent resident of Hadley, was born in Ware, Mass., March 8, 1804, son of Thomas and Eunice (Gray) Morton. The late Mr. Morton's parents were natives of Massachusetts. Thomas Morton, who followed agriculture his entire life, died at the age of thirty-two years. His wife became the mother of five children: Thomas; Mary; Caleb; Jonathan; and John A., the subject of this sketch.

John A. Morton at the age of fifteen commenced to learn the trade of a dyer and cloth dresser, an occupation which he subsequently followed for some time. After his marriage he purchased the farm where his son, George W., now resides. It originally comprised but one hundred and twenty-five acres; but he kept adding to it as opportunities offered until it embraced three hundred acres. He was a very successful farmer. His declining years

were passed with his children, and he died December 27, 1878. Mr. Morton was prominently identified with public affairs, served as a Selectman in the town of Hadley for several years, and represented his district in the legislature with distinction.

Mr. Morton's wife became the mother of twelve children, namely: George W.; Elmira S., wife of Henry M. Marsh; Sarah Ann, who died at the age of eighteen years; John A., Jr., who married and is now residing in Iowa; Thomas D., who married Annie Tuttle, and now resides at the old homestead; Horace B., who married Jennie B. Underwood, and resides in Hadley; Hattie, who married Henry L. Cook, and is now dead; Edward C., who married Alice Wilber, and is now residing at the old homestead; Francis, who died in infancy; Clara, who died in 1859, aged ten years; Cyrus, who died at the age of nineteen years; and Jennie W., wife of Henry S. Shipman, a resident of Hadley. The mother died November 14, 1888.

George W. Morton married for his first wife Ellen B. Boynton, of Springfield, and his three children by this union were: Emma R.; Kate F., deceased; and Arthur B. His first wife having died, he wedded for his second wife Dency M. King, of Amherst, who died, leaving four children; namely, Nellie O., Thera S., May L., and Edna B. Mr. Morton was formerly a Whig in politics, and is now a Republican.

**C**HARLES A. PUFFER, one of the oldest citizens of Amherst, where he has been for years successfully engaged in farming, was born in Franklin, Norfolk County, Mass., May 27, 1824, son of Stephen and Sally (Fosgate) Puffer, both natives of Berlin, Mass.

Stephen Puffer spent the early part of his

life in Norfolk County, working as a tanner, currier, and finisher. He owned the farm now in the possession of Charles A. His last years were passed successively in Belchertown and Amherst. He was an industrious and competent workman, very successful in business, a Republican in politics, and a member of the Congregational society. He died in North Amherst, February 4, 1859. Mrs. Puffer died April 3, 1871, leaving four children, namely: Reuben G., residing in North Amherst; Sarah E., widow of J. C. Hastings, residing in South Amherst; Stephen P., residing in North Amherst; and Charles A. All of these are now over seventy years of age.

Charles A. Puffer received the greater part of his education in Amherst. When a boy he became familiar with the duties of farm life, and on attaining manhood took to farming as an occupation. He has a fine estate of fifty acres, on which he has made many improvements, and carries on general farming. His buildings are in good condition, and the whole property bears evidence of thrift and prosperity.

On March 11, 1846, Mr. Puffer was united in marriage with Caroline E., daughter of Earl and Nancy (Oliver) Johnson, a native of Hadley. Mrs. Puffer's grandfather, Silas Johnson, was born in Woodstock, Conn. The greater part of his life was devoted to farming; but for some time he kept a tavern in Dover, Vt. His last years were passed in South Amherst, where he owned a farm that yielded him an ample income. He was a veteran of the Revolution, having enlisted in the Continental army when only sixteen years of age. In politics he was an old-time Whig, and, with his wife, attended the Congregational church. His span of life embraced eighty-six years. His wife, whose maiden name was Clarissa Bugbee, also lived to an advanced

age. They had two sons and five daughters, all of whom lived over sixty years.

Earl Johnson, the father of Mrs. Puffer, was the elder of the two sons. He also was engaged in agriculture, owned a good farm in Amherst, and was quite wealthy. He was a stanch Republican, an active and worthy citizen, and lived to the age of seventy-eight years. His wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Oliver, was born in Scotland, and came to America when seven years of age. She and her husband were members of the Congregational church at South Amherst, and she died at the age of sixty-three. Their union was blessed by two daughters and a son. Of these two are now living, namely: Clarissa, wife of Reuben Puffer, of North Amherst; and Silas O., a farmer in Amherst.

Mrs. Puffer, the wife of Charles A. Puffer, died June 12, 1895, aged seventy-one. They had several children, but the father is now the sole survivor of the family. Mr. Puffer cast his first vote in support of the Whigs, and is now a Republican. He is a member of the Congregational Church at South Amherst, which was also attended by his late wife, and is held in the highest esteem by his townsmen.

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**T**HEOPHILUS EDWARDS, a prominent and well-known agriculturist of Westhampton, was born November 9, 1826, in the house where he now lives, and which was also the dwelling of his father, Samuel Edwards, during his entire life.

The annals of Hampshire County show that the Edwards family were among its earliest settlers. Samuel Edwards, Sr., the paternal grandfather of Theophilus Edwards, was born and reared in Southampton. After his marriage he located in Westhampton, buying the homestead property on which his children

were born, and on which he and his wife, formerly Silence Judd, spent their remaining days. She passed away in 1840, and his death occurred two years later.

Samuel Edwards, father of Theophilus, succeeded to the ownership of the home farm, which he managed successfully, placing much of the land under cultivation. He was a man of good mental attainments, and had much practical sagacity, duly appreciated by his neighbors. He represented the district in the State legislature during the year 1854-55. He married Betsey Ludden, a native of Williamsburg, Mass., and brought her to the home of his boyhood; there they reared their family and spent their declining years. His wife died in 1857, and he died in 1869. The record of the ten children born to them is as follows: Mrs. Maria Thayer died in Amherst in July, 1895; Asa C. resides in Springfield; Samuel F. died at the age of twenty-one years; Betsey lives in East Amherst; Eli Ludden died at the age of seventy-four years; F. Worster died in 1860; Almeron is a resident of West Springfield; Theophilus is the subject of this article; Sarah, wife of Joel Burch, resides in Sunderland; and Henry B. is a well-known merchant of Amherst.

Theophilus Edwards acquired a good education in his youthful days. Having completed his studies he began working with his father in tilling the soil. Finding the occupation congenial to his tastes Mr. Edwards has continued in it to the present day, and, with the exception of eighteen months in his early manhood, has constantly lived on the family home-stead. He has added one hundred and sixteen acres to the original farm, so that now it contains two hundred and sixty acres, making one of the most valuable estates in the vicinity. He is a skilful and practical farmer, being thorough and systematic in his methods.

Firm in his convictions of justice and honest in all of his dealings, he is held in high respect. He is a stanch adherent of the Republican party, and served his fellow-townsmen as Selectman in 1869 and 1870, holding at the same time the office of Assessor.

On March 16, 1853, Mr. Edwards was united in marriage with Sarah A. Dole, a native of Shelburne, Mass., and a daughter of Levi and Emily (Rudd) Dole, neither of whom is now living. Mr. Dole was a prosperous farmer; while Mrs. Dole, who survived him, passed the twilight years of her life with her daughter, Mrs. Edwards. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards six children were born, namely: Sarah Alice, born in 1854, who died January 12, 1878; Emily Amelia, wife of Clark F. Thayer, who is engaged in the dry-goods business in Chicago; Ella A., deceased, who married H. J. Chapman; Clara E., also deceased, who was the second wife of H. J. Chapman; Levi W., now a resident of Galesburg, Ill., who married Frances Pierce, of Monmouth, Ill., October 4, 1892; and Arthur T., who lives at home. Mr. Edwards and his wife are active workers in the cause of religion, and belong to the Congregational Church of Westhampton. He is now one of the standing committee of that society, and has been superintendent of its Sunday-school.

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**H**UBERT M. CONEY, a successful attorney-at-law possessing the esteem and confidence of his neighbors, was born on his father's farm in Ware, March 18, 1844, and is a son of John and Sophronia (Allen) Coney, and a grandson of William Coney.

His great-grandfather was a descendant of Nathaniel Coney, who came from Coney Green, England, in the latter part of the

seventeenth century and settled in Stoughton-ham, now the town of Stoughton, Mass., where he spent the remainder of his life. His descendants were among the best-known residents of that place for many years. However, as time went by, they gradually scattered throughout New England and Western New York. William Coney, son of Nathaniel, who was born in 1764, removed when ten years of age to Coy's Hill in Ware, where he afterward became a practical farmer. He reared a family of six children, namely: Nathan; John; Calvin; Mrs. Caroline Goff; Theodosia; and Galaxy, who married Darius Eaton. Nathan, the eldest, lived over eighty years; and, with the exception of Calvin, the youngest son, the rest enjoyed long lives. Their father's death occurred in 1847, at the age of eighty-three.

John Coney, who was born in 1809, grew to manhood on his father's farm. As his parents were in humble circumstances, his start in life was made without any capital. Beginning in a humble way, but with a resolute spirit, he advanced step by step until he was able to buy his father's farm. Thereafter he gave his attention to the cultivation of the land, at which he was very successful. In 1871 he retired from his farm to the village of Ware, purchasing a home at 63 North Church Street, where his last days were spent. He died in 1884, seventy-five years of age. His wife, Sophronia Allen, to whom he was married in 1841, was a daughter of Chester and Anna (Rice) Allen. She bore him three sons, as follows: Hubert M.; George H., a successful carpenter and builder in Ware; and Charles E., who died unmarried in 1876, at twenty-six years of age. She still resides on North Church Street.

Hubert M. Coney acquired his early education in the public schools. With the purpose

of entering Amherst College, he (although fitted for college) attended the Ware High School, working for one year of the period on the farm. The Civil War had, however, then begun; and his plans were changed by his enlistment, October 11, 1861, in Company D of the Thirty-first Massachusetts Infantry. He served as a private in the ranks until the summer of 1864, when he was sent on detached service as clerk at Cavalry Corps Headquarters, Department of the Gulf. He was honorably discharged November 20, 1864, and at once returned to his home. On March 1, 1865, he entered the hardware store of George Robinson, by whom he was employed until September, 1866, when he purchased the business. After carrying it on for six years he sold it to Robinson Brothers, and then engaged in the fire and life insurance business for a time. While so employed he studied law; and in March, 1876, he was admitted to the bar of Hampden County. He followed his profession in Springfield, Mass., until 1882, and afterward in Boston until 1889. Equipped with the knowledge and experience he had so acquired, he then opened an office in Ware. He was soon in possession of a large clientage and is now doing a prosperous business.

He was married on April 17, 1867, to Miss Eleanor Brainerd, of Ware, a daughter of Edwin L. and Eleanor (Lawton) Brainerd. They lost their only son, Edwin B., when he was fourteen years of age, his death occurring on the anniversary of their marriage, April 17, 1889. Mr. Coney has always taken a prominent part in political affairs, and served most acceptably in various official capacities. He was sent as a Representative to the State legislature in 1881 from Ward Two, Springfield, Mass.; and in 1872 he was chosen Town Clerk of Ware, serving in that position until





ALBERT R. HOUSE.

1876. He is a member of Eden Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Ware, and Springfield Commandery Knights Templars, in which he has passed all the chairs except that of Eminent Commander. He belongs to the J. W. Lawton Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was a charter member and is now a Past Commander. He is Judge Advocate of the Department of Massachusetts, and has been an aide on the staff of Commander-in-chief Lawler. Aside from being a leading lawyer of the town of Ware, Mr. Coney is a most genial and obliging gentleman, and has won many warm friends. He and his wife reside in their pleasant home at 16 Church Street.

at Haydenville in this county. He has always taken a keen interest in town affairs, and at the time of the Civil War, while a resident of Chesterfield, served as Selectman. In political affiliation he is a Republican, and in religious fellowship a Congregationalist. His wife, Clarissa Root, was born April 15, 1815, in Westfield, Hampden County, and is now in her eighty-first year. Of the four children born of their union, three grew to years of discretion and still survive, namely: Ellen, the wife of Samuel Thayer, of Westfield; Albert R.; and Edwin J., who served as a private in the First Massachusetts Cavalry, and now resides in Williamsburg. Frank died when but three years old.

Albert R. House grew to manhood in Chesterfield, acquiring his education in the district and high schools and at Westfield Academy. On attaining his majority he left home, and in 1864 purchased a farm in Enfield, the one on which he now resides, a well-improved estate of one hundred and seventy-four acres. He is a hard worker and carries on general farming with good success, keeping his barns and house and other buildings in good repair, and his land in a good state of cultivation, the fat and sleek cattle that graze in his pastures showing that they receive due attention and care.

On May 8, 1862, Mr. House was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Bryant, a daughter of Eli and Mary (Simmons) Bryant. She was born in Suffield, Conn., November 27, 1842. Her father, who spent many years of his life in Chesterfield, where he was a successful farmer, was drowned in the freshet that visited that town in 1874, he being then sixty-three years old. Mrs. Bryant is still living in Warren, Ill. She is a member of the Congregational church. She and her husband had five children, namely: Nelson J. and Ella L.

**A**LBERT R. HOUSE, a progressive agriculturist of Enfield, owns one of the most pleasantly located farms in this beautiful town, the view from his residence being one that the lover of nature never tires of looking upon — the picturesque mountain side with its rocks and trees on the west, and green fields sloping toward the south and east. Mr. House was born in the town of Chesterfield, in the western part of Hampshire County, on June 12, 1842, and is a son of Samuel and Clarissa (Root) House. His grandfather, Gresham House, was also a native of Chesterfield, son of an early settler of that town. He became the owner of a good farm and spent his active life in its cultivation. His earthly years were about threescore and ten, and his wife Mary also lived to attain a good age. They were the parents of nine children, five of whom are still living.

Samuel House, the second child of his parents, was born in Chesterfield on April 8, 1810. After having been for many years there successfully engaged in farming, he has now retired from active business and is living

(now deceased); Elizabeth (Mrs. House); Willard C., living in Wyanet, Bureau County, Ill.; and Mrs. Isabella M. Hayden, of South Framingham, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. House have an interesting family of six children, of whom a brief record follows: Alice C., born September 10, 1862, lives in Haydenville, Mass., with her grandparents; Samuel, born March 12, 1864, is engaged in the tin and plumbing business in Springfield, Mass.; Agnes E., born April 12, 1866, married Dwight Tillson, of Enfield, and has two children, Raymond A. and Ralph B.; Annie I., who was born February 12, 1871, married Thomas Sanderson, of Enfield, and has a son, Roy E.; Mary L., born August 28, 1872, is the wife of William Metcalf, of Enfield, and has a daughter, Gertrude E.; and Albert R., Jr., who was born March 25, 1876, still lives with his parents.

Mr. House casts his vote with the Republican party. He interests himself in whatever conduces to promote the welfare of his town; and among the positions of responsibility and trust filled by him have been that of Selectman for several terms and that of Assessor for upward of fifteen years. He is a member of Bethel Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Mr. and Mrs. House are a genial couple, and the doors of their pleasant home are often open for the reception of their many valued friends and acquaintances. A likeness of Mr. House will be found on another page of this volume.

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 SMYN WATTS, a progressive farmer of Worthington, was born in that town, May 30, 1828, son of John and Philura (Anable) Watts. Mr. Watts's grandfather was John Watts, a native of Ireland, who emigrated to the United States and settled in Worthington, where he engaged in farming. John Watts, Jr., Mr. Watts's father, followed

the same occupation through life. He also erected a saw-mill, which he operated successfully for several years. He was a well-known and highly esteemed citizen, a Whig in politics, and was a member of the Board of Selectmen. He and his family attended the Congregational church. He died May 3, 1853. His wife was the mother of fifteen children, eleven of whom survived, and were named: Eliza, Martha, John, Jane, Mary, Lucy, Samuel, William, Alonzo, Henry, and Osmyn. The others died in infancy. The mother's death occurred in August, 1869.

Osmyn Watts resided with his parents and assisted his father upon the farm. At his father's death he purchased the homestead. He sold it later, and after residing for a time first upon the farm which he now cultivates and then with an aunt, he moved to Chester, Mass. In 1853 he bought a farm in Middlefield, Mass., where he resided for fourteen years. At the expiration of that period he sold the property there, and in 1868 moved to his present farm in Worthington. He now carries on general farming, stock-raising, and dairying, and personally attends to a major part of the farm duties. He is a Republican in politics.

On January 20, 1851, Mr. Watts was united in marriage to Eunice D. Barnes. She was born in Southampton, February 18, 1833, daughter of Stephen C. and Delana (Gorham) Barnes. The father, a native of Connecticut, died January 16, 1873; and the mother, who was born in Montgomery, Mass., died March 27, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Watts have one daughter, Eunice P., who was born October 29, 1851. She is the wife of B. G. Blake, of Williamstown, Mass., and has had four children: Osmyn B., Walter, Winnifred, and Margaret (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Watts are members of the Congregational church.

**A**MBROSE CUDWORTH, a prominent citizen of Chesterfield, who owns and conducts a farm in that town, was born there July 16, 1832, son of Charles and Roxy (Witherell) Cudworth, both natives of Chesterfield.

Charles Cudworth's chief occupation was general farming, but he sometimes worked on the roads. He conducted a farm in Savoy for a while, subsequently entering the one of which his son is now proprietor. This he sold later, and removed to another. His last days were spent in Chesterfield, where he died May 2, 1883. His wife survived him something over eight years, passing away October 20, 1891. They were the parents of three children, namely: Ambrose, the subject of this sketch; Arabella, who passed away some time since; and Electa, who married Alvin M. Burt, and lives in South Hadley.

Ambrose Cudworth received a good common-school education, remaining with his parents until twenty-one years of age. He then hired out as a farm hand, working for different employers until he was twenty-seven, when he bought an interest in his father's farm. Since that time he has resided on the homestead, which under his wise and capable management improves yearly. He carries on general farming in an intelligent and progressive way, and has attained prosperity through his own unaided efforts.

On November 13, 1859, Mr. Cudworth was married to Elvira Dwight Damon, a native of Chesterfield, born April 29, 1841. Mrs. Cudworth is the daughter of Reuben and Dimis (Dwight) Damon, the former a native of Chesterfield, the latter of Williamsburg. Mr. Damon was engaged in farming in Chesterfield up to the time of his death. Mr. and Mrs. Cudworth are the parents of two children, namely: Ada M., wife of Albert Damon, who

resides near her parents and has two children, Viola Elvira and Raymond Calvin; and Nellie E., wife of U. F. LeDuc, who resides with her parents and has two children, Ashley C. and Lester Charles. Mr. Cudworth gave his children a good education, having sent them to the best schools in the county.

In politics Mr. Cudworth is a Democrat. He has served as road surveyor and in other offices, but has never been anxious to hold a public position. Mrs. Cudworth is a member of the Congregational church. The family have a pleasant home in Chesterfield, and are esteemed among the old residents of the town.

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**L**ORENZO H. TOWER, a successful carpenter and builder, and a highly respected citizen of Cummington, Hampshire County, in which place he was born on August 14, 1830, is a son of Warren and Rhoda (Tower) Tower, and a grandson of Nathaniel and Leah (Tower) Tower.

Nathaniel Tower, who was born in Hingham, Mass., settled in the town of Cummington about the year 1780. He was a successful farmer and land-owner. During the Revolutionary War he served as a patriot soldier. He is also known to have taken a prominent part in town affairs. He died in 1810, sixty-five years of age. His wife, Leah Tower, died in 1847, at the advanced age of ninety-nine years. They were the parents of six children: Leah, Nathaniel, Peter, Ambrose, Roxy, and Warren.

Warren Tower, father of Lorenzo H., was a native of Cummington, where his birth occurred on January 9, 1789. He received only a common-school education; and, although he learned the trade of a carpenter, agriculture was his principal occupation. The first farm he owned was that which is now the

property of Mr. Shipman. He had lived there but a short time when he sold it and purchased the B. B. Lyman farm. After he had settled on the latter, he devoted a part of his time to his trade. He was making a success of his farming when he was taken ill, and died May 26, 1834, while yet in the prime of life. His wife, Rhoda Tower, who was a daughter of Stephen and Anna (Bowker) Tower, was born on November 26, 1795. She bore her husband six children, as follows: Salome, born October 9, 1817; Mariam, born January 5, 1819; Sabrina, born May 29, 1820; Elmina, born October 6, 1822; Warren E., born April 5, 1824; and Lorenzo H. Mrs. Tower died August 23, 1833. Her husband was a Whig in politics, and in religious belief he was a Universalist.

Lorenzo H. Tower, who by the death of both his parents was left an orphan at the early age of four years, went to live with his cousin, Marshall Minor, with whom he remained until fourteen years of age. He then started out to earn his own livelihood, an uphill undertaking for a lad of his years under the most favorable circumstances. He found a place with Ezra Whitman, a farmer of Windsor, Mass. He was kept at farm work until eighteen years of age, when, with forty dollars in money, the amount of his wages during those four years, he went to Pittsfield, Mass. Here he worked for A. L. Clark for some time, and then went to the shops of Huntington, Mass., where for two years he worked on basket and rim wood machinery. In this work he showed much aptitude, and was sent out to set up basket machinery in different places. Finally, having in this way started a basket factory at Oneida, N.Y., for E. J. Hatch, he was given full charge of it, and held that position for the next two years. After a brief visit to his Massachusetts home he returned to

Oneida and took charge of a sash, door, and blind factory for eight years. While there he owned two houses, one of which he built himself. He then returned to Cummington; and, after working one year for William Cullen Bryant as carpenter, he took charge of the Bryant property. Under his supervision the house and barn on the proprietor's birthplace were rebuilt, also the Bryant Library, which was erected in 1872, and the house and barn adjoining, where Mr. Tower lives. He owns a piece of land near by, which he cultivates. He is also the owner of a tenement-house in Holyoke and a house in East Hartford, Conn., and some land in Iowa. As already stated, after he had been in Oneida, N.Y., about two years, he returned to Massachusetts for a brief stay.

On returning to Oneida after his previous visit to his home he took back with him as his wife Miss Vesta A. Bartlett, to whom he had been married November 27, 1856. She was born in Cummington, October 16, 1830, and was a daughter of Ephraim and Betsey (Marshall) Bartlett, the former of whom was an enterprising and progressive farmer of Cummington Hill and a leading man in public affairs. Both were prominent members of the Presbyterian church. But one son of the three children born of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Tower is now living. This is Theodore P., whose birth occurred July 18, 1860. He is a civil engineer and has charge of the State road which is now being constructed in the towns of Goshen and Weymouth. The deceased are: Arthur, who was born March 1, 1858, and died October 8, 1859; and Bessie M., whose birth occurred April 9, 1867, and who died on September 22 of that same year.

Mr. Tower is a Republican. He has been active in town affairs, and in 1870 was elected as Selectman. From 1878 to 1880, and from

1882 to 1886, he served as chairman of that board. He acted as Collector three years, and has also acceptably filled the office of Town Treasurer and Highway Surveyor. He is a believer in Spiritualism.

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REV. BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, a retired clergyman and an esteemed resident of Ware, first opened his eyes on the world in Boston on Christmas morning, A.D. 1815, son of William and Abigail (Varney) Stevenson. Mr. Stevenson is of Scotch descent. His great-grandfather, James Stevenson, came to this country from Glasgow, Scotland. His grandfather, Thomas Stevenson, was a baker in Boston, doing a good business. The latter married Sarah Chadwell, of that city; and they had a family of thirteen children, seven of whom they reared.

William Stevenson, father of the Rev. Benjamin V. Stevenson, was born in Boston in 1785. A pump and block maker by trade, he was an intelligent and well-read man, who, though not wealthy, was fairly prosperous, lived well, gave his children a good education, and died in 1841. His wife, Abigail Varney, was the daughter of Benjamin Varney, who was also a pump and block maker, and taught William Stevenson his trade. Mrs. Stevenson lived to the age of seventy-five years, surviving her husband over thirty years. They were buried beside the grandparents in the old cemetery on Salem Street, Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson had a family of two boys and seven girls, and reared two sons and three daughters. But two are now living, the subject of this sketch and his sister, Sarah Chadwell. The latter, widow of the late Robert W. Hall, who was once a prominent man in Boston and superintendent of public lands, is

now eighty-five years of age, and is still active and in full possession of her faculties. She reared two sons and two daughters.

Benjamin V. Stevenson finished his theological studies under Hosea Ballou, second, first President of Tufts College. At the age of twenty-nine he took charge of his first pastorate at Barre, Mass., where he remained six years. He was subsequently pastor at New Bedford, Chicopee, Shelburne Falls, Southbridge, and Ware. He came to the latter town in 1882, and in 1885 purchased his present home at 81 Church Street. About six years ago Mr. Stevenson had a fall which disabled his lower limbs. This obliged him to retire from active pastoral work, but he is always ready to answer the calls of charity. He lives up to the teachings of the word which he was wont to preach, and is held in loving remembrance by his former parishioners.

January 1, 1845, he was united in marriage to Maria A. Standish, of Boston, who died August 2, 1846. He was married a second time on March 30, 1848, to Huldah H. Sibley, of Barre, daughter of Sardius and Betsey (Johnson) Sibley. Mrs. Stevenson's great-grandfather on the paternal side was Samuel Sibley, one of the early settlers of Barre, where he was a successful farmer. Her grandfather was Captain Charles Sibley, of Barre, an officer in the State militia, who served for many years in both chambers of the Massachusetts legislature. On the maternal side Mrs. Stevenson is a grand-daughter of Perry Johnson, of Barre. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson had three children, namely: Charles Sibley, who died in infancy; Maria Augusta, wife of A. G. Carley, of Northampton, who has one son; and William Henry, a prosperous grocer in Boston, who has three sons.

Mr. Stevenson is advanced in Masonry, having passed three of the chairs, and belongs to

the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. An extended account of his family history would be very interesting, as his grandparents were residents of Boston during the stirring times of the Revolution. He has in his possession a heavy solid silver spoon, given to him by his grandmother sixty-three years ago, that was made by Paul Revere.

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**W**ILLIAM N. CLAPP, a member of one of the old families of New England, who lives on a farm in Easthampton, was born November 3, 1810, near his present home, on a farm owned by his grandfather. He is a son of Solomon and Paulina (Avery) Clapp, and is a descendant, in the seventh generation, of Roger Clapp, who was born in Devon, England, April 6, 1609, a member of "a godly family reared in Christian culture."

Roger Clapp came to this country in the ship "Mary and John," which bore a goodly company, including two magistrates and two ministers, and reached port May 30, 1630. He settled in Dorchester, Mass., where he held various public offices. In 1665 he was appointed Captain of the fortifications on Castle Island in Boston Harbor, a position which he creditably filled for twenty years, resigning his commission when the tyrannical Andros was made governor of New England. Shortly after, in 1686, he removed to Boston, where he died in 1691, in his eighty-second year. Roger Clapp married Joanna, daughter of Thomas Ford, who, with her parents, came over in the same ship. Preserved Clapp, one of their fourteen children, born November 23, 1643, settled in Northampton. He was a prominent man in the town, a Captain of a military company, a Representative to the General Court, and a ruling Elder in the church.

He died from the effects of a gunshot wound received from an Indian.

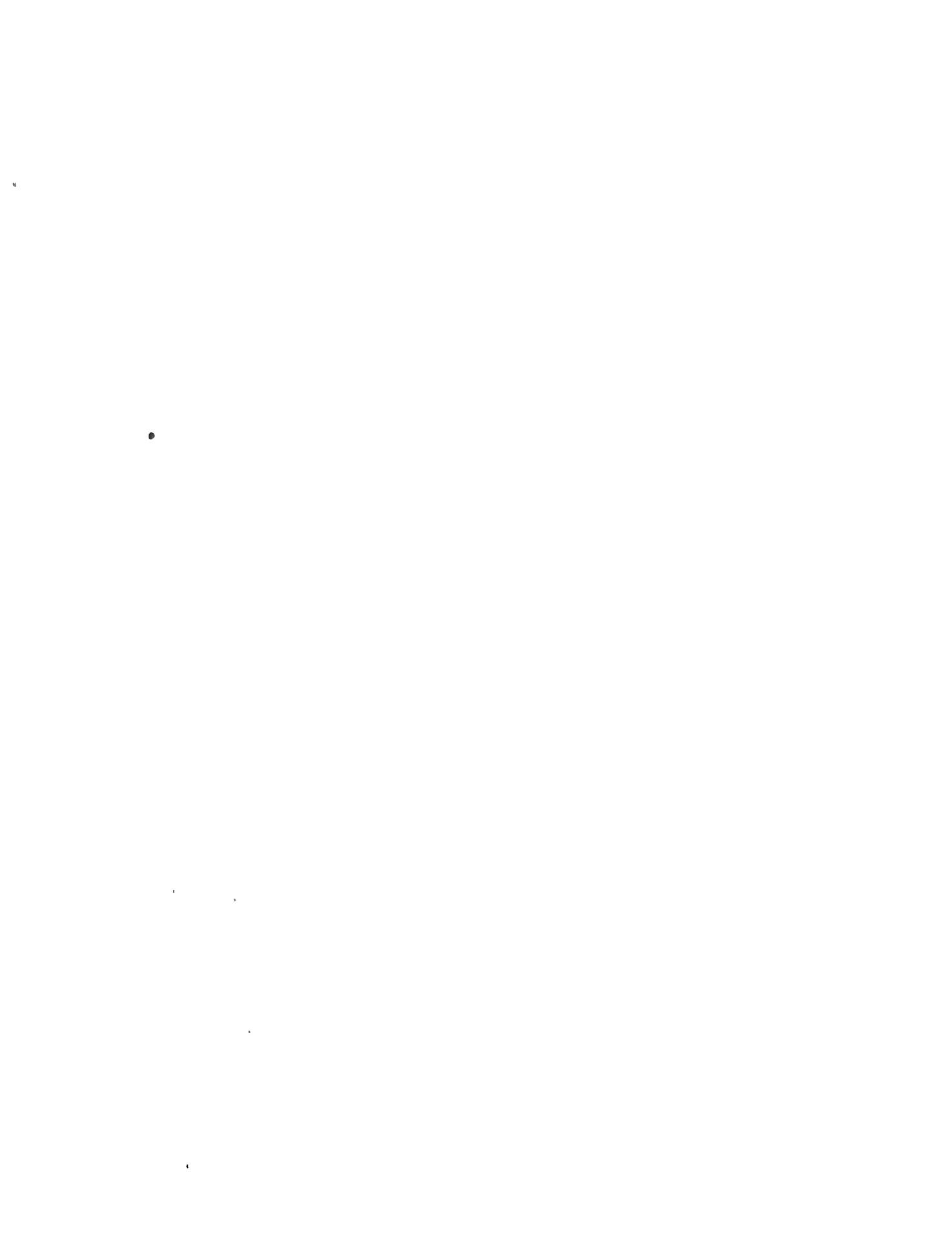
Preserved Clapp married Sarah Newberry, of Windsor, Conn., who bore seven children, one of whom, named Roger, was the father of Major Jonathan Clapp, who settled in Easthampton about 1730. Jonathan Clapp was reared by his uncle, Samuel Bartlett, and inherited from him the corn-mill which he had had an early permit to build in Easthampton. Major Clapp was one of the leading men in the early history of the town. During the Revolution he showed his patriotism and his humanity by always keeping two large kettles of food over the fire to supply the soldiers who passed his house, each kettle holding thirty gallons; and the fire was constantly burning, so that the soldier could get his meal by day or night. He was the father of three sons and eight daughters.

His youngest son, Benjamin Clapp, was born December 16, 1738. In 1766 he settled in Easthampton, taking up a large tract of land, which is now divided into some six farms, mostly in the possession of the family, the farm occupied by his grandson, William N., being a part of the original property. Benjamin Clapp, commonly called Quartermaster Clapp, served in the Revolutionary War. He died in 1815, at the age of seventy-seven. A journal which he started on March 9, 1767, is in the possession of his grandson, William N. Clapp, and is in a fair state of preservation. His wife, whose maiden name was Phebe Boynton, was a native of Coventry, Conn., born November 23, 1750. She was married in 1765, at fifteen, and lived to be ninety-seven, and died in December, 1847, retaining to the last activity of mind and body. Fifteen children were born to them, thirteen of whom reared families.

Solomon Clapp was the eighth child of Ben-



WILLIAM N. CLAPP.



jamin. His life began September 2, 1782, Easthampton being his birthplace; and the confines of that town bounded the horizon of his existence. He was engaged in general farming on the land bequeathed him by his father up to the time of his death, which occurred when he was forty-five years old. His wife, Paulina Avery, was a daughter of Abner Avery, a native of Wallingford, Conn., who removed to Northampton in middle life, later removing to Easthampton, where he died in 1836, at the age of eighty-eight. He was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary army. Mrs. Paulina A. Clapp lived to be seventy-six years of age. Her remains are resting with those of her husband in the fine new cemetery at Easthampton. She was the mother of ten children, of whom William N. and three sisters are living, and six brothers have passed away. The youngest, George C., removed to Kasota, Minn., and, joining the army, soon rose from the ranks to a position of authority, his first service being in fighting the Indians.

William N. Clapp was the second son of his parents. He acquired the rudiments of his education in the district schools, and was a student for a year at Hopkins Academy in Hadley, a noted school in those days. In his seventeenth year he was apprenticed to a jeweller and watch-maker in Providence, with whom he remained but a few months, being called home in consequence of the death of his father. He succeeded to the possession of the home farm, and with the exception of three winters spent in teaching at South Amherst, Westhampton, and Grafton, his life has since been devoted to general farming. He has a roomy and homelike residence, which he built in 1836, and owns a fine estate.

Mr. Clapp has been married three times. His first wife, to whom he was united in 1833, was Tryphena Janes, the second daughter of

Parsons Janes, of Easthampton. Her grandfather, Jonathan Janes, was a soldier in the French and Indian War, and was present at the surrender of Louisburg. Mrs. Tryphena J. Clapp died July 29, 1847, leaving four children, namely: Sarah Eugenia, who was educated at Williston and South Hadley Seminaries, for ten years was a successful teacher in the public schools of Ohio and Massachusetts, and is now the wife of George W. Guilford, of Swift River, Mass.; William Edgar, who served in the Fifty-second Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, taking part in the siege of Port Hudson, and now has a farm adjoining his father's, and a wife and two children; Solomon Parsons, who died in 1872, leaving a widow and one daughter, Rosa Ward, now deceased, another daughter, Minnie P., being born after her father's decease; and Eliza Tryphena, who was first wife of George Guilford, and died February 18, 1879, leaving one daughter, Ena.

On January 4, 1848, Mr. Clapp married Emily Janes, sister of his first wife. The two children born of this union, Emily Maria and Harriet Ellen, are both graduates of Mount Holyoke Seminary. Harriet Ellen, who also received a diploma for proficiency in music from Smith College, is now the wife of Fred E. Gates, of Springfield, Mo., and the mother of three children. Miss Emily M. Clapp was three years a teacher in Utah. Under the auspices of the New West Education Commission she founded a school at Provo in 1883, and taught there two years. The school, which she left in a good condition, is now a large institution. She had peculiar difficulties to contend with, as Brigham Young Academy was at that time flourishing in Provo, which was the strongest Mormon town in Utah. Miss Clapp was three years connected with the American Missionary Association in the

South, and has taught in Massachusetts and Vermont.

Mr. Clapp married in October, 1862, his present wife, Prudence T., daughter of Charles Wait, of Easthampton, formerly of Williamsburg. Her grandfather, Joseph Wait, of Williamsburg, was a Revolutionary soldier. Two children were born of this marriage, both now deceased. Mr. Clapp's grand-daughter, Caroline T. Clapp, is a graduate of Mount Holyoke, has been a successful teacher in Waltham, and is now travelling in Europe. A grandson, William Clark Clapp, who was born on his grandfather's sixty-third birthday, is an enthusiastic market gardener with his father.

William N. Clapp is a Republican in politics, and has served many years as Collector of Taxes. He was Collector and Treasurer of the town from 1839 to 1854, and was Justice of the Peace twenty-one years, declining a renewal of his commission; and many other offices were at his command, but he refused to cater to the political tastes of the times. He has been Trustee of the savings-bank since its organization. He is active in church work, and was collector and treasurer of the First Parish from 1839 to 1853, ceasing to act in that capacity on the formation of the Payson Congregational Church of Easthampton, to which he now belongs. An unmistakable likeness of this well-known citizen will be seen on a preceding page.

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WILLIAM W. ORCUTT, who is a prominent agriculturist of the town of Cummington, was born in the house where he now resides on March 17, 1834, son of John and Hannah (Richards) Orcutt, and grandson of Nathan and Eunice (Whitmarsh) Orcutt.

Nathan Orcutt was a native of Abington, Mass. He came to this district, then almost a wilderness, in 1794, and purchased two hundred and twenty-five acres of land. This tract constitutes the farm now owned by William W. Orcutt. Grandfather Orcutt proceeded at once to clear the land and erect the necessary buildings. Later on he built a house, which in its day was one of the best in the town. As fast as he cleared his land he increased his stock of cattle, and in time became one of the largest stock-raisers in that vicinity. He sold his cattle in Boston, to which he drove them four times a year. These trips were made through an almost unsettled country, over a distance of one hundred and fifty miles. He served in the Revolutionary War as Lieutenant. In politics he was a Whig, while his religious belief was that of the Congregational church. His death occurred in 1820, at the age of sixty-five years. His wife, Eunice, died in 1818, fifty-eight years old. They reared five children: Sally, Joseph, Nathan, John, and Hulda.

John Orcutt, the youngest son of his parents, was born in the house first erected on the site of the one now occupied by his son. He worked with his father until manhood, and then he went into business as a wool buyer, purchasing largely throughout the surrounding towns. When at his father's death the farm was divided among the three sons, he received the homestead for his share. Besides his wool buying he dealt quite extensively in fat cattle and sheep, and made a specialty of raising and matching oxen, for which he often received fancy prices. He was considered one of the best judges of live stock in that locality. He bought the old academy in the village of Cummington, which he used as a storehouse for his wool; and later on he purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land adjoining his home-

stead. His death occurred in 1871, when he was eighty-one years of age. His wife, Hannah Richards before marriage, a daughter of Nehemiah and Hannah Richards, bore him five children: Clarinda, Mary A., Lysander, Vesta, and William W. He was a Whig in politics until the formation of the Republican party, of which thereafter he became a firm supporter. He took much interest in public affairs, but declined to serve in office. He was also interested in church work, and contributed largely toward the erection of the Congregational church.

William W. Orcutt after attending the district school in his native town went to the seminary at Deerfield and to the Ashfield and Shelburne Falls Academies. At eighteen years of age he began teaching, and this during the winter season continued to be his employment for ten years. His summers were spent in farming. He conducted a select school in the village of Cummington for some time. At his father's death he gave up teaching and took charge of the old homestead, which he still owns, together with two hundred and fifty acres of land. He keeps a dairy of twenty cows, the cream from which he disposes of to the Cummington Creamery. He has also dealt in cattle to some extent, and raised some fine horses. His farm shows him to be a progressive agriculturist, one who believes that improvements pay.

On December 2, 1857, he was joined in marriage with Miss Mary Sprague, a daughter of Eli and Mary (Reed) Sprague, the former of whom was engaged in the tanning business in Ashfield, Mass. They had six children. Of the number two have died, namely: Charles, when four years old; and Fred A., at the age of twenty-three years. Those living are: Elliott, born January 22, 1860, residing in Denver, Col., who married Miss Carrie Macomber,

and has five children—Mabel, Mary, John, Vesta, and Brown; Willie M., born October 5, 1863, now in California, where he is engaged prospecting; Arthur, born July 5, 1875, living at home; and John, born May 1, 1877, also at home.

Mr. Orcutt is a stanch Republican. In 1887 he was sent as a Representative to the legislature from the Second Hampshire District. For twenty years he has served as Moderator of his town, and as member of the School Committee for fifteen years. He is also active in church work, and for several years has acted as a teacher in the Sunday-school of the Congregational church. Mr. Orcutt is well known and highly esteemed, not alone in his own town, but wherever his business or social interests have called him.

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**R**ICHARD HARNEY, a well-to-do farmer of Worthington, was born in Blackburn, England, June 15, 1827, son of Richard and Jane (Tomlinson) Harney. Mr. Harney's father was engaged in different kinds of employment, and resided in England until his death. His mother had four other children: Thomas, William, Jane, and John. She also died in England.

Richard Harney commenced to work in a cotton factory at an early age. Having acquired a good knowledge of the business he was in time advanced to the position of overseer. On September 30, 1863, he embarked for the United States, in company with his wife and seven children. After arriving in New York City he went to Cohoes, N.Y., where he found employment in a cotton factory for one year. He then moved to Easthampton, Mass., and secured a position in another factory of the same kind. During the eighteen years that he spent there he earned the

character of a capable and reliable workman. In 1883 he removed to Worthington and purchased the farm on which he now resides. The property included seventy acres of improved land, which he has since cultivated industriously. He devotes himself chiefly to general farming and dairying.

On December 24, 1847, Mr. Harney was united in marriage to Ann Tempest. She was born in England, March 12, 1827, daughter of John and Mary Tempest, the former of whom was engineer of a large cotton-mill, an occupation which he followed until his death. Both parents of Mrs. Harney died in England. Mr. and Mrs. Harney have had ten children. Six of them survive, and are as follows: John, married to Henrietta Comstock, and foreman of a cotton factory in New Bedford, Mass.; Mary, wife of James Tetlow, a loom repairer of Adams, Mass.; Jane, wife of Frederick White, a teamster of Holyoke, Mass.; Richard, married to Mary Lamprey, and residing in New Bedford, Mass.; William, wedded to Dora Schroeder, and a mule spinner in Taunton, Mass.; and Sarah, who resides at home. Those deceased were: Thomas, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Joseph.

Mr. Harney was formerly a teacher of a Sabbath-school in England. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church in Worthington, and are actively interested in church work.

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**H**ARVEY RHOADES, a successful farmer of Chesterfield, was born in that town, December 26, 1831, son of Chapman and Cynthia (Cogswell) Rhoades.

Chapman Rhoades, also a native of Chesterfield, followed farming as an occupation on the estate now held by his son Harvey. His death occurred July 8, 1856. His wife, Cynthia Cogswell, likewise born in Chesterfield,

became the mother of nine children. Of the number John, Mary Ann, Norman, and Joseph are deceased. Those surviving are: Horace, who married Sabrina Pomeroy, and resides in Chesterfield; Harvey, the subject of this sketch; Sarah, widow of Charles Thayer, who formerly lived in Williamsburg, and now resides in Somerville, Mass.; Jane, who resides in Loudville, and is the widow of Medad Pomeroy; and Jeannette, who married G. Higgins, and resides in Springfield, Mass. The mother died July 6, 1870.

Harvey Rhoades attended the schools of his native town, and has always resided upon his farm. He succeeded to the ownership of the property after the death of his father, and has since followed agriculture with success. The land consists of two hundred acres, and is devoted to general farming. Mr. Rhoades is a Republican in politics, and has always supported the principles of that party.

On October 21, 1860, Mr. Rhoades was united in marriage to Sarah J. Damon. She was born in Goshen, Mass., December 10, 1843, daughter of Gershom C. and Sarah (Bird) Damon, the former of whom was a native of Chesterfield, where he died. Her mother, who was born in Williamsburg, Mass., still survives. Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades have had five children, namely: Frederick, born October 2, 1863, and married to Rebecca Valcourt, who is now deceased; William, born February 6, 1866, married to Eva Bisbee, and residing on a farm adjoining that of his parents; Nellie Bird, born November 5, 1871, who died November 29, 1878; Joseph, born November 18, 1878, residing at home; and Jennie Belle, born July 3, 1880, also residing at home. Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades are members of the Congregational church, of which Mr. Rhoades is a Deacon.





GEORGE E. FISHER.

**G**EORGE W. COWING, a well-to-do farmer of Williamsburg, was born in that town April 22, 1842, son of William and Rebecca (Loomis) Cowing. His grandfather, Thomas Cowing, was probably born in Worthington, was a weaver by trade, and owned land in Worthington, where he died at an advanced age, having reared five children: Zalman, Emerson, William, Caroline, and Irene.

William Cowing, father of George W., when a young man, went to work in the Haydenville manufactory at Williamsburg, and remained there many years. At the time of the war he enlisted in the army, and while in the service was taken sick with fever, and died at the age of forty-six years. His wife had died in 1845. They were the parents of four children: Emory, George W., Mary, and Nancy.

George W. Cowing received a fair education in the schools of Williamsburg. He worked as a farm hand for some time, saving his earnings until he had accumulated some money. Then he purchased a place in Whately, and for two years was engaged in general farming. He then entered the employ of the Connecticut River Railroad Company, and was section master for nine years. In 1890 he bought the Lawyer White farm in Williamsburg. This property had been in the hands of the White family for one hundred and ten years. It comprises thirty acres of good land, quite conveniently located, being only half a mile from the post-office. There, in addition to the usual farming operations, he conducts a small dairy. He has made many improvements on the estate, which bear the stamp of his good management.

Mr. Cowing was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Martha Burton, died at the age of thirty-five, leaving one son,

Wilson, a book-keeper in the Haydenville Brass Works, and married for some time to Miss Gettie Black. Mr. Cowing's second wife was formerly Miss Carrie Sleigher. No children have been born of this union.

In politics Mr. Cowing is a Republican. On the subject of religion his opinions are liberal. He is one of the representative citizens of Williamsburg, and is highly esteemed in the town.

**R**EV. GEORGE E. FISHER, of North Amherst, pastor of the Congregational church in Leverett, Mass., was born in Harvard, Worcester County, Mass., January 22, 1823, son of the Rev. George and Mary (Fisk) Fisher. Mr. Fisher's grandfather, Luther Fisher, was a prosperous farmer of Wrentham, Mass. His son George was born in Wrentham, November 7, 1796, and graduated from Brown University, Providence, R.I., being a classmate of Horace Mann. He was a ripe scholar and became a prominent Congregational minister, preaching in Harvard. The Rev. George Fisher died in September, 1853, at the age of fifty-six years and ten months. His wife, Mary Fisk, who was a daughter of the Rev. Elisha Fisk, was born in Wrentham, November 9, 1801. They were married December 12, 1821, and she became the mother of six children, as follows: Elizabeth S., deceased; Harriet F., who married William A. Parker, of Harvard, and is now dead; Charles Luther, who died in infancy; Mary R., widow of Andrew Farwell, of Harvard; Henry M., a resident of Milford, Mass.; and George E., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Mary F. Fisher died April 29, 1852.

George E. Fisher commenced his education in his native town, and fitted for college at the Lawrence Academy in Groton, Mass. He

entered Amherst College in 1842, was graduated with the class of 1846, and immediately began his theological course at Andover Seminary. He was graduated from that institution in 1849, and was ordained a minister on February 27, 1850. Since his ordination Mr. Fisher has been pastor of the following churches: the Congregational church in Rutland, Mass., which was his first charge, and where he remained for three years; at North Amherst six years; Greenville, N.H., for three years; Ashburnham, Mass., five years; South Hadley Falls from 1867 to 1879; East Amherst from 1879 to 1885, at which time he moved to North Amherst, where he now resides. Since 1886 Mr. Fisher has been pastor of the Congregational church in Leverett. He is a Republican in politics, and takes a deep interest in all important issues of the day. In 1867 he ably served as a Representative to the legislature from the district which includes Ashburnham and Winchendon.

The Rev. Mr. Fisher's first wife, whom he married May 1, 1850, and who died August 8, 1858, was Harriet B. Holt, of Amherst. On September 7, 1859, Mr. Fisher wedded for his second wife Ellen E. Kellogg. She was born in North Amherst, September 25, 1833, daughter of Lyman and Mary A. (Porter) Kellogg. Lyman Kellogg was a native of Amherst, and was a successful farmer. He died in North Amherst, October 19, 1885, just thirty-one days after the death of his wife. Mrs. Kellogg was born in Bolton, Conn., on the 18th of September. She and her husband were members of the Congregational church.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have had four children, namely: Hattie H., who was born in Greenville, N.H., May 22, 1861, and died July 29 of the same year; Alice Belle, born in Ashburnham, Mass., February 25, 1864, and died September 14, 1865; George Lyman,

born in South Hadley Falls, June 18, 1869, and died July 27, 1870; and Nellie Kellogg, born in South Hadley Falls, January 14, 1874, and died December 25, 1886.

Deeply imbued with the spirit of his sacred calling, for which he has an inherent love and capacity, the Rev. George E. Fisher has preached and faithfully devoted himself to his other pastoral duties continuously since 1850, exerting a moral and spiritual influence which has been widely felt. Mr. Fisher and his wife occupy a very pleasant home in North Amherst, and are highly esteemed members of the community, Mrs. Fisher also being actively interested in the work of the church. The accompanying portrait of Mr. Fisher will be recognized with pleasure by his parishioners and many other warm friends.

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**A**LDEN D. REED, a prosperous farmer of Prescott, was born in South Amherst, Mass., May 22, 1852, son of Dwight A. and Mary A. (Haskins) Reed. Grandfather William Reed was an early settler in Shutesbury, where he was a farmer during the active period of his life. He owned a good farm, which he cultivated with profit, and was known as a conscientious man, fair and upright in his dealings and of broad and liberal views respecting religious differences. In politics he supported the Whig party. He lived to the age of seventy-three years. Nine of his children grew to maturity, and five are still living, all of whom are over seventy years of age. Of his four sons Dwight A., Mr. Reed's father, is the youngest.

Dwight A. Reed was born in Shutesbury. He learned the trade of a stone mason, which, with farming, constituted his principal occupation through life. At the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted as a private in the

Fifty-second Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and after one year, the stipulated term of his enlistment, he re-enlisted in the Thirty-seventh Regiment and served until the close of the war. He is now one of the oldest residents of Shutesbury, has always been a stirring, energetic man, and is a Democrat in politics. Mr. Reed, Sr., has been twice married. His first wife, who was a native of Shutesbury, died at the age of forty-two; and he is living with his second wife. He has been the father of fifteen children, of whom eleven are still living, namely: Mary; Lucy; Alden D., the subject of this sketch; Dwight, Jr.; Luther; Alfred; George; Abbie; Rector; Jennie; and Susan. Those deceased were: Willie, Eva, Ella, and Elizabeth.

Alden D. Reed was educated in the common schools of Shutesbury. At an early age he commenced work upon a farm, receiving six dollars per month for his first season's work. He continued as a farm assistant for some years. When twenty-one years old he left home, and was employed in a shoe factory in Hopkinton, Mass., for several years. In 1878 he moved to Prescott and purchased the farm upon which he now resides. The property contains about one hundred and thirty acres of improved land, and is used in general farming and dairying. He keeps from twenty-five to thirty head of cattle, and has erected a new residence. His other buildings are kept in the best of repair.

On July 9, 1878, he was united in marriage to Ella S. Hamilton, daughter of Harrison and Lucy A. (Gilbert) Hamilton, of Shutesbury, and has had eight children; namely, Harry, Lennie, Rector, Daisy, Mary, Helen, Guy, and Maud. The last named died at the age of ten years.

Harrison Hamilton, Mrs. Reed's father, was born upon his present farm in Shutesbury,

April 21, 1819, son of Samuel and Natalie (Aldrich) Hamilton. The first ancestor of the family to settle in America was John Hamilton, Mr. Hamilton's great-grandfather. He was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, and on his arrival in New England first settled in Pelham and later in Shutesbury, where he bought a tract of five hundred acres, for which he paid one hundred and fifty dollars. This was previous to the chartering of Shutesbury as a town, and when the locality was still part of the wilderness. A sturdy pioneer, he soon cleared a good farm, upon which he resided for the remainder of his life. He was the first Representative to the General Court from Shutesbury, and he made the journey to Cambridge in company with his wife on horseback, she returning home alone with the horse. John Hamilton was an uncle to the famous statesman, Alexander Hamilton, who met his death in a duel with Aaron Burr. Andrew Hamilton, Mr. Hamilton's grandfather, was born in Shutesbury and was a lifelong resident of that town. He resided upon the farm cleared by his father, and became a prosperous land-owner.

Samuel Hamilton, Mr. Hamilton's father, was born in Shutesbury in January, 1778. He followed agriculture at the old homestead successfully, and died in October, 1855. His wife, Natalie (Aldrich) Hamilton, who was born in New Salem in 1777, became the mother of seven children, of whom Harrison, Mrs. Reed's father, is the only one now living. The others were: Fanny, Mixter, Nancy, Harriet, Merritt, and Augusta. The mother died in January, 1854.

Harrison Hamilton was educated in the district schools of Shutesbury, and in young manhood learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed as an occupation for upward of twenty years. He resided in Bernardston for five years, and after conducting a mercantile busi-

ness on Shutesbury Hill for an equal length of time he returned to the old homestead in 1865, where he has since been profitably engaged in agriculture. His farm, which is a part of the original tract deeded to his great-grandfather, has been in the family's possession for one hundred and fifty years. Its extent now is about three hundred acres, located in Shutesbury and in other towns. His son now shares its management, and both are counted among the wealthiest farmers in their section. Mr. Hamilton is a Democrat in politics, and has been Town Clerk and Treasurer for some years. He has been Postmaster of Shutesbury and chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Hamilton was married in 1845 to Lucy A. Gilbert, who was born in Shutesbury, June 1, 1819. She became the mother of six children, as follows: Ella S. and William G., who are no longer living; Andrew J., who is in the insurance business in Athol, Mass.; Emma L., a teacher; Ella S. (second), who is now Mrs. Alden D. Reed; and William G. (second), who resides at the old homestead. Mrs. Hamilton died in 1859.

Mr. Reed is a Democrat in politics, but has always refused public office. He and his family attend the Congregational church.

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**M**ICHAEL NORRIS, Postmaster at Southampton and a prosperous farmer, was born in this town, July 3, 1854, son of Walter and Helen (Foley) Norris, both natives of Ireland.

The father, born in Waterford, Ireland, in the year 1818, spent the early years of his life in the land of his birth. Leaving there in 1852 to seek his fortune in America, he landed in New York. From there he went to Holyoke, Mass., where he had friends. He came to Southampton in 1857 and rented land for

three years. Being a farmer by occupation, the investment repaid him, so that he was able to buy the farm now occupied by his widow. The property consists of one hundred acres of land, which at the time of purchase was but partly improved. He worked on it untiringly, and before his death, which occurred October 3, 1869, had it in a good yielding condition. He was a man of sterling character and loyal to all his obligations. His wife was born in Ireland in 1825, and courageously came alone to America in 1850. Four children were born of their union, as follows: Michael, the subject of this sketch; John, born July 24, 1857, a section boss on the New York & Hartford Railway, married to Mary Kane (a native of Ireland), and father of four children — Julia, Walter, Edmund, and Mary; Thomas, born June 7, 1860, superintendent of a whip factory in Quebec, married to Mary Farrell, of Westfield, and the father of one child, Walter L., born in 1892; and Martin, born November 13, 1863, yet unmarried, and living on the old homestead, where he is engaged in general farming. All were reared to lives of industry. After passing through the public schools they were sent to academies or seminaries to pursue the higher branches of study. The father was a Democrat in politics and an earnest worker for that party. He was a devout member of the Catholic Church of Easthampton, to which his widow and family still belong.

Michael Norris was reared on the home farm, and since the death of his father has had its care and supervision. He is now assisted by his brother Martin. They carry on mixed husbandry, paying some attention to dairying and raising a good deal of tobacco, which they sell at the home markets. In 1886 Mr. Norris was appointed Postmaster, and in the discharge of his official duties has given universal satisfaction. A Democrat from his youth, he

has never swerved from his allegiance to his party. As a citizen and as a business man he is held in high esteem throughout the community, and has been chosen Selectman for several years.

On June 4, 1895, Mr. Norris was united in marriage with Mrs. Margaret Brophy, who was born in Southampton in April, 1864, being the daughter of John and Margaret Lavin, of this town, both now deceased.

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**E**UGENE H. LYMAN, conspicuously identified with the agricultural interests of Hampshire County as one of its most skilful and enterprising farmers, owns and occupies a well-tilled farm in the town of South Hadley. He was born August 10, 1844, in Hadley, being a son of A. H. and Amanda M. (Alvord) Lyman.

The father was also born in Hadley, and here spent the greater part of his life. He was a hard-working and industrious man, engaged in agriculture the most of his time. In his later years he purchased the property known as the old Lyman farm, where his son now lives. He died while yet in the prime of life, leaving two children, Eugene and Irving L. The latter is now living in Lincoln, Neb., and is connected with a publishing house there. He has been married twice, the first time to Lizzie Connover, who died in 1873; and the second time to Mary Dean, of Nebraska. The mother, whose early life was spent in Northampton, now makes her home with her son Eugene on the old homestead.

Eugene H. Lyman was but six years old when his father died. He acquired his early education in the common schools. When a lad of thirteen years he began working on the home farm, laboring with fidelity, and there gleaning a practical knowledge of farming.

Subsequently he and his brother assumed the entire control of the property, carrying it on in partnership until the brother removed to the Far West, since which time Mr. Lyman has managed it alone. He has been very successful. The farm, which contains one hundred acres of land, is in a fine state of cultivation. He carries on general farming, has a fine dairy of twelve cows, besides other stock, the products of which he disposes of to the Granby Creamery, makes a specialty of poultry-raising, which he finds quite profitable, and gives much attention to fruit growing, having so far made quite a success with peaches.

Mr. Lyman's marriage with Miss Clara J. Stacy, a daughter of William Stacy, of South Hadley, occurred January 1, 1874. They had six children, as follows: Jennie A., a teacher in the public schools; Nellie E., deceased at the early age of nine years; William H., who died in infancy; Mary I.; Eugene H., Jr., who lived but two years; and Charles E. Mr. Lyman takes an active interest in promoting the welfare of his native town and county, uniformly giving his support to the cause of morality, sobriety, and good order, and is ranked among the most valuable citizens of the community. In politics he is an uncompromising Republican, but is not an office-seeker, although he served his town during the years of 1888 and 1889 as Assessor. Religiously, both Mr. and Mrs. Lyman are active members of the Congregational church.

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**F**RDERICK H. JUDD, a gentleman of extended business experience and an esteemed resident of Westhampton, was born here July 14, 1839, being the descendant by both parents of old and honored pioneers of this section of Hampshire County.

His father, John Adams Judd, was a lifelong

resident of Westhampton, and during the earlier years of his life was engaged in agriculture. Having the natural Yankee instinct for trade, however, he subsequently established in the village a store for the sale of general merchandise, and before many years became one of the most prominent merchants of Hampshire County. Later he was appointed Postmaster, and thereafter attended to the duties of that office, as well as to his mercantile business, until his death, which occurred July 25, 1860. His wife, whose maiden name was Wealthy Kingsley, was born and bred in this town, and here spent her life, dying February 13, 1876. The record of their children, four in number, is as follows: Amoret R., now deceased, was the wife of the late E. H. Lyman, formerly a prominent business man of this place, and for many years a member of the Board of Selectmen and a County Commissioner; Jane W., the widow of Josiah Hooker, lives in Springfield, Mass.; Harriet T. married Amos C. Shepherd, a carpenter in this town; and Frederick H. is the subject of this sketch. These children were given the best educational facilities afforded by the town. They attended public and select schools, and one of them graduated from the academy at Southampton.

Frederick H. Judd, who attained his majority a few days prior to the death of his father, at once assumed charge of the store and post-office, and carried on the business for five years. Going then to Springfield he worked on a farm in that vicinity for a year, and was employed as a clerk in the city for two years. After remaining there another year, during which time he was engaged in the insurance business, he returned to Westhampton, and has since made his home in this village. In 1880 he bought out his present business. He sells and repairs jewelry, and so far has met

with limited success. A stanch adherent of the Republican party, Mr. Judd has served in various offices within the gift of his fellow-townsmen, always with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. For the past twenty-five years he has been Town Clerk, and for some years was Town Treasurer and a member of the School Committee. He has always taken an active interest in religious work, and has served as clerk of the Congregational church for many years, he and his wife being among the prominent members of that organization.

Mr. Judd was married October 15, 1862, to Miss Elizabeth A. Hubbard, a native of Williamsburg, Mass., and a daughter of Sylvanus Hubbard, who is still living in that town. Six children have been born of their marriage, as follows: Myra L., wife of W. R. Jones, residing in Stamford, Conn.; Guy H., who died when nineteen years of age; Hattie F.; Fred H., who died in infancy; Ada M.; and Delbert L.

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**D**ANIEL W. WELLS, President of the Smith Charities of Northampton, Mass., is widely known in this part of Hampshire County as an able financier, a man of stanch integrity, and an esteemed and valued citizen. He was born on his present homestead in Hatfield, April 17, 1842, being a son of Elisha Wells, whose birth occurred at the same place, April 29, 1797.

The founder of the Wells family of Hatfield was Thomas Wells, who was born in England about 1620, and after reaching manhood came to this country, locating first at Wethersfield, Conn. According to the History of Hadley, his mother, the widow Frances Wells, married Thomas Coleman, and removed from Wethersfield to Hadley with her family, which in-



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cluded Thomas and his brother John Wells, in 1660. Thomas Wells died in 1676. He was the father of Thomas, Jr., whose son Ebenezer was born in Hadley, July 20, 1669. Ebenezer's son Joshua was born in Hatfield, August 31, 1695, and died in Greenfield, April 1, 1768. The next in line, Elisha, son of Joshua, was born July 23, 1731, and lived until October 5, 1792. His son, Amasa Wells, who became the father of a second Elisha, was born September 23, 1762, and died in Hatfield, the place of his nativity, June 12, 1816.

Amasa Wells was one of the substantial farmers of Hatfield; and through his marriage with Eunice White, a daughter of Daniel White, of Hatfield, two families of prominence became connected. The White family were long conspicuous in military circles, some of its members having been officers in the State militia for three generations. A Daniel and a John Wells were among the soldiers of the Revolutionary army, and were killed at Crown Point. The present homestead of Mr. Daniel W. Wells was the original land granted in 1660 to John White, the immigrant ancestor of Eunice White. It descended in the White family down to Daniel White, Eunice's father, and at length fell into the possession of his grandson, Elisha Wells, second. Amasa Wells and his wife reared five children: Horace; Cephas; Barnabas; Hannah, who married Joseph Smith; and Elisha. He lived a little past middle age; and his widow survived him, dying in Conway at the age of sixty-two years, although her home was in Hatfield until the year of her decease.

Elisha Wells, son of Amasa and Eunice (White) Wells, was one of the most prosperous agriculturists of the town, and was a citizen of influence. He was a Democrat in

politics, and represented his district in the legislature in 1848. On January 14, 1823, he married Louisa Field, a daughter of Daniel and Tabitha (Clark) Field, of Conway, and of their six children that grew to maturity three are now living, namely: Hannah S.; Daniel W., with whom the sister makes her home; and Joseph S., his twin brother, who is now a steward at Mount Holyoke College at South Hadley. The father lived a long, useful life of nearly fourscore years, dying in 1873; and the mother, who survived him, died August 1, 1878, aged seventy-five years. Both were attendants of the Congregational church and liberal contributors toward its support, Mrs. Wells being a member of the church.

Daniel W. Wells, being the youngest child of the household circle, cared for his parents in their last years, and has made the home-stead on which he was born his permanent abiding-place. During the late Civil War Mr. Wells enlisted in Company K, Fifty-second Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, going out as a nine months' man, under General Banks. On his return he engaged in general farming, tobacco being his staple crop. He has been identified with the leading enterprises and industries of his native town, and holds a high position among its honest and law-abiding citizens. He is a man of excellent judgment and ability in business affairs, and has often been called upon to act as administrator of different estates. For seventeen years he has been one of the Directors of the First National Bank of Northampton, for six years a Trustee of the Smith Charities, and for five years has ably filled the position of president of the board. He is a firm adherent of the Democratic party, and has served in the State legislature two years, 1883 and 1884.

On October 19, 1875, Mr. Wells was united

in marriage with Hannah A. Belden, a daughter of Deacon Reuben H. Belden, of Hatfield. This union has been brightened by the birth of two children: Reuben F., born in 1881; and Louisa B., born in 1884. A portrait of Mr. Wells is placed on a preceding page.

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**L**EWIS S. COWING, a successful farmer of Chesterfield, was born in Huntington, July 20, 1830, son of Job and Clarissa (Taylor) Cowing, the latter of Chester. Job Cowing, a native of Huntington, was a farmer, and followed his calling in Chester, Huntington, and Worthington. The latter part of his life was spent in Leeds, Mass., where he died. His wife breathed her last in Chester, October 29, 1839. They were the parents of five children, namely: Lewis S., the subject of this sketch; John W., who married Laura Smith, and is now living near his brother Lewis; Nancy, wife of Edwin Dodge, of Worthington, Mass., who is a farmer; Mary, who died January 5, 1853; and Samuel D., who was married to Louise Hilman, now deceased, and resides in New Jersey.

Lewis S. Cowing received a good common-school education. He began to work on his father's farm when a boy of twelve. At eighteen he abandoned farm work to learn tool-making at Ringville, Mass. In 1853 he moved to the Cole homestead in Chesterfield, and once more engaged in farming. Eleven years later he went to live on the farm where he now resides. This estate, containing one hundred acres, has been much improved by Mr. Cowing. Hay and corn are the staple products, and some stock is also raised. Mr. Cowing's methods are well up to date.

On May 25, 1853, Mr. Cowing was united in marriage with Maryann, daughter of Con-

sider and Deborah Cole, of Chesterfield. Mr. Cole was a well-to-do farmer, the property now owned by our subject originally belonging to him. He and his wife have both passed away. They were cared for in their old age by their daughter and her husband, who moved to the farm in Chesterfield in order to relieve the old folks of the cares incident to farm life. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Cowing was blessed by three children, namely: Horace W., a school-teacher, who was married first to Emily Streeter, and is now living with his second wife in Johnstown, N.Y.; Truman S., formerly a teacher in Hampshire County, and now a railroad man in Charlotte, Mich., married to Libby Merritt; and Mabel C., who died at the age of six years. Mrs. Cowing died February 8, 1885; and Mr. Cowing subsequently married Mrs. Ellen (Middlebrook) Sanderson, who died October 5, 1888.

Politically, Mr. Cowing believes firmly in the principles of the Democratic party, has held several offices in the county, and is much respected by all who know him.

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**M**ERRIAM KING, an energetic farmer of Prescott and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in New Salem, Mass., July 6, 1834, son of Joseph and Joanna (Vaughn) King. Mr. King's grandfather, Samuel King, was an early settler in New Salem, where he cleared and improved a good farm, upon which he resided for the remainder of his life. His family consisted of six children — three sons and three daughters — all of whom have passed away.

Joseph King, father of Mr. King, was born and reared on the farm. He learned the trade of a carpenter, and followed that occupation in connection with farming. He was an industrious and progressive man and a useful

citizen. His latter years were passed upon the present farm of his son Merriam in Prescott, and he lived to the age of eighty-four years. He was formerly a Whig in politics, but later supported the Republican party. His wife, Joanna Vaughn, who was a native of Shutesbury, Mass., became the mother of nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity. Of these two are now living, namely: Lavonia, widow of Varnum V. Vaughn, who resides in New Salem; and Merriam, the subject of this sketch. Those deceased were: Clarissa, Merrill, Joseph H., John M., Maria, Sanford R., and Emory S. The mother lived to the age of eighty-four. Mr. King's parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Merriam King grew to manhood in New Salem, and received his education in the schools of that town. At the age of fifteen he commenced life for himself by working in a box factory at fifteen dollars per month. After remaining there for a time, he engaged in various employments until July 26, 1861, when he enlisted as a private in Company H, Twenty-first Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, under Captain Rice, and served six months in the Civil War. He was honorably discharged December 31 of the same year on account of injuries received in a railroad accident, from which he has never fully recovered. After leaving the service, Mr. King returned to his native State, and engaged in different occupations until 1885, when he purchased his present farm in Prescott, where he has since resided. His property consists of ninety acres of well-improved land; and, being thrifty and energetic, his farming operations have yielded satisfactory results. He is a Republican in politics, and has served with ability as a Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for the past five years.

Mr. King has been twice married. On November 26, 1856, he wedded for his first wife Samantha Haskins, a native of New York State, who died January 25, 1857. On November 26, 1863, he married for his second wife Laura A. Warner, daughter of Cullen and Lucy (Cooley) Warner. Cullen Warner was born in Sheffield, Mass., December 22, 1797, was a carpenter and a farmer, and resided in Greenwich for more than fifty years. He was prosperous in business, a Democrat in politics, prominent in public affairs, and served as Selectman, Assessor, Town Clerk, and Representative to the legislature. He died in Greenwich, October 25, 1877. His wife, who was born in Brookfield, November 14, 1795, had eleven children. Seven of these are now living, namely: Mary, George, Eliza, Ann W., and Phoebe M., who are residents of Greenwich; Jennie, who resides in Springfield; and Laura A., now Mrs. King. Those deceased were: Lucy A., Caroline, Maria, and Frank M. The mother died in Greenwich, December 10, 1857. Mr. and Mrs. King have one daughter, named Leona M., who was born December 30, 1885. Mrs. King is a member of the Congregational church.

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**N**ATHANIEL W. FARRAR, druggist in the employ of C. J. Smith at Easthampton, Mass., was born in Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio, on July 26, 1839, son of Oscar Chandler and Elsie Ann (Patterson) Farrar.

John Farrar, his great-grandfather, was a patriot soldier of the Revolutionary War. His son Nathaniel removed in 1828 from the East to Ohio, where the last years of his life were passed. He died in Madison, eighty-three years of age, leaving one son and three daughters. His son, Oscar Chandler Farrar,

father of Mr. Farrar, was born in Shelburne, Mass., December 25, 1817, and now resides at Erie, Pa. Oscar's wife was born in Gainesville, Wyoming County, N.Y., and had by him five children, as follows: Nathaniel William; Chester Hinsdale, deceased; Orrell D., a machinist, residing in Columbus, Ohio; Myra, the wife of John Scott, of Harbor Creek, Erie County, Pa.; and Alma, married to John Stephenson, and now living in Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Farrar received his education in Ohio and at the schools of Beloit, Rock County, Wis. In 1858 he engaged in teaching, but forsook it after a short time. On August 24, 1861, he enlisted in the ranks of Company G of the Thirteenth Wisconsin Regiment, and served in the Civil War for four years and five months, after which he was honorably discharged. For the larger part of that time he was detailed to the hospital service. On the 12th of May, 1869, he was united in marriage with Miss Lucinda S. Midlam, of Albany, N.Y. They have a daughter, Olive Louise, who is a teacher, and lives at home. He came to Easthampton in May, 1873, and since that time has been engaged in his present position, giving satisfaction not alone to his employer, but to their numerous patrons.

The Republican party counts Mr. Farrar as one of its most faithful adherents. He is a member of Lake Erie Lodge, No. 347, of Girard, Pa., A. F. & A. M., and is also a member of Post No. 166, Grand Army of the Republic, in nearly all of the offices of which he has served.

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 CHARLES N. DYER, merchant, Post master, and Town Clerk of Plainfield, was born in that town, January 7, 1850, son of Newell and Mary Ann (Whitmarsh) Dyer. Mr. Dyer's grandfather, Jesse

Dyer, was a son of Christopher Dyer, Jr. Jesse Dyer was a native of Abington, Mass., and settled in the town of Ashfield about the year 1790. He bought a tract of one hundred acres, which he improved into a good farm, first building a small house and later a larger and more substantial residence. He was the first settler in that part of Ashfield, and he became a well-to-do farmer. He died in 1854, aged eighty-five years; and his farm is now owned by B. M. Dyer. On October 4, 1795, he married Sally Pool; and she became the mother of the following children: Jared, Oakes, Bela, Albert, Sarah, Samuel, and Newell. The mother died in 1852, aged seventy-three years.

Newell Dyer, Mr. Dyer's father, was born in Ashfield, January 23, 1818. He succeeded to the ownership of his father's farm, which he conducted for five years. Selling the property, he moved to Plainfield, where he bought the Deacon Richards farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres, which he improved to a considerable extent. He resided there for eight years, at the expiration of which he sold, and purchased the farm which is now owned by J. W. Sears, together with an adjoining farm and some outlying lots. He was a successful farmer, a Republican in politics, and a Congregationalist in his religious belief. He died at the age of fifty-four. His first wife, Mary Whitmarsh before marriage, was a daughter of Jacob Whitmarsh. She became the mother of one son, Charles N., the subject of this sketch. She died in 1866, aged forty-seven years. Newell Dyer wedded for his second wife Mrs. Lydia Sears, who survives him, and is now the wife of Lemuel Cross, of Ashfield.

Charles N. Dyer was educated in the schools of his native town, and at the age of sixteen became a clerk in a general store in

Hadley, where he remained for one year. He then taught school for seven succeeding winters, his summers being occupied in agricultural pursuits. He then went to Northampton, where he worked at the machinist's trade until the death of his father caused him to return to Plainfield. He conducted the farm for ten years, and then engaged in mercantile business in the store which is now occupied as a residence by J. W. Sears. After conducting a successful business for seven years, he sold this store; and, purchasing a lot of land adjoining the town hall, he erected his present place of business, which he opened in 1887. He carries a large and varied stock of general merchandise, and enjoys a liberal patronage. Mr. Dyer is a Republican in politics, and is prominent in local affairs. He was a member of the School Committee for twelve years, has been Town Clerk and Treasurer since 1876, Justice of the Peace since 1884, and was appointed Postmaster in 1889, a position which he still holds to general satisfaction.

On October 6, 1872, Mr. Dyer was united in marriage to M. Antoinette Ford. She was born in Hinsdale, Mass., April 2, 1852, daughter of William R. and Cornelia (Worthington) Ford, the former of whom is a prosperous farmer of Peru, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Dyer have three children, namely: Albert F., born August 2, 1873; Genevieve L., born June 7, 1880; and Frederick C., born August 16, 1882.

Mr. Dyer has compiled and issued a complete history of the town of Plainfield from 1785 to 1891, including biographical sketches of twenty-three of the early settlers, with their family genealogy. The work, which was published in 1891, contains one hundred and eighty-seven pages, is well illustrated, and bound in cloth. Five hundred copies

were printed, and the book was sought for and highly prized by residents of the town.



LIVER DRAGON, partner in the firm of La Famboise & Dragon, blacksmiths of Northampton, is a native of Canada, and was born in the town of St. Denis, on the Richelieu River, March 26, 1842.

His grandfather, Hypolite Dragon, was a native of France. When a young man, he emigrated to Canada, where the rest of his life was spent. He was the father of sixteen children, of whom twelve grew to maturity. Of these a number lived to an advanced age. One son, Andrea Dragon, died when within but three years of being a centenarian. Lewis Dragon, the father of Oliver, was born in St. Denis in 1793. His life was spent in his native town, where he was a prosperous farmer. His death occurred when he was seventy-four years of age. He married Miss Mary Louise Lefebvre, who bore him thirteen children, and of the eight that reached maturity four sons and one daughter are now living, namely: Lewis, in Kansas City, Mo.; Nelson, in Northampton; Theodule, in Holyoke; Joseph, in St. Louis, Mo.; Philomena Goulet, who lives with her parents in St. Denis; and Oliver, the subject of this sketch.

Oliver lived at home until he was sixteen years of age, by which time he was familiar with farming. That, however, was not his choice of an occupation. He preferred to be a blacksmith, and he then left home to learn that trade by serving an apprenticeship of three years. His wages during that period were: first year, one dollar per month; second year, one dollar and a quarter per month; third year, one dollar and a half per month, including board. In 1867 he went to Chi-

cago, Ill., where for three years he worked at both his own trade and that of a carpenter. He went to Kansas City in 1870, and was employed in blacksmithing alone for about two years. After this he came East, and settled in Northampton.

He first worked as a journeyman for four years. Then on July 1, 1875, in partnership with Mr. La Famboise, he established his present thriving business. They undertake all kinds of blacksmith work, but they make a specialty of horseshoeing.

In Canada, on May 20, 1868, Mr. Dragon was joined in marriage with Miss Angele Levitre. Fourteen children were the fruit of their union, and ten are now living. They are as follows: George J., a drug salesman and pharmacist in Springfield, Mass., married, and the father of one daughter; Ida, a dressmaker in Springfield; Eva and Emma, who live at home, and are engaged in dress-making; Oswald, a young man of eighteen years, employed in his father's shop; Raoul, Lorenzo (aged fourteen years), Anna (aged eleven), Bernadette (aged nine), and Roderick (aged seven), attending school.

In political matters Mr. Dragon is not a party man. He has served twice as a member of the Common Council, being elected on an Independent ticket. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and is also a member of the St. John the Baptist Society, of which he has been Treasurer for fifteen years. The family are members of the French Catholic church, and he is one of its Trustees.

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**WILLIAM COOLEY DICKINSON,**  
of Hatfield, proprietor of the Connecticut River Stock Farm and an extensive tobacco grower, was born in this town, September 8, 1853, son of William

Henry and Angelina (Waite) Dickinson. Mr. Dickinson is a descendant of Nathaniel Dickinson, who emigrated from England, and settled in Wethersfield, Conn., in 1637. He became a prominent man in the colony, and served as Town Clerk and Representative to the General Court. In 1659 he moved to Hadley, Mass., where he died in 1676, leaving several children. Two of his sons, Azariah and Joseph, were killed by the Indians in King Philip's War, Joseph being slain with Captain Beers on September 4, 1675. Nathaniel Dickinson, second, son of Joseph, was born in 1670, and died in 1745. His son, Obadiah Dickinson, was born in Hadley on July 28, 1704, and died June 24, 1788. He settled in Hatfield, where he became a large land-owner, and was for many years a Deacon of the Congregational church. He married for his second wife Martha Wait; and his son Elihu by this marriage was the great-grandfather of William Cooley Dickinson. The children of Elihu Dickinson were as follows: Cotton D., Israel, William, Pamelia, Silas, Clarissa, and two who died in infancy.

William Dickinson, third son of Elihu, was born in Hatfield, June 13, 1783. He inherited the homestead, and became the largest real estate owner in the town. He was possessed of a strong constitution, and continued active until within a short time previous to his death, which occurred December 29, 1870. He married on January 20, 1814, Fanny Smith, a daughter of Lieutenant Samuel Smith, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. Mr. and Mrs. William Dickinson were the parents of three children: John, Mary, and William Henry. The mother died February 21, 1853, aged sixty-five years and six months.

William Henry Dickinson was born at the ancestral homestead in Hatfield, March 4,



WILLIAM H. DICKINSON.



1820. He received his education at Hatfield and the Leicester Academy, and succeeded to the ownership of the home property. He became a land and stock speculator, owning land in Iowa, and is largely interested in native-bred cattle. He has likewise been an extensive farmer and tobacco grower, possessing some fine land upon the Hatfield meadows, which is especially adapted for that purpose. In 1875 he erected a new and handsome three-story house to replace the old Dickinson residence, which had been the birthplace of four generations; and he has built modern farm buildings. Besides his family dwelling he owns three tenement-houses. He is a Director of the Hampshire County National Bank, and is President of the Board of Trustees of Smith Academy, and one of the Trustees of the Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

William H. Dickinson is a Republican in politics. He represented his district in the legislature in 1853 and again in 1859. During the Civil War he served as chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and rendered valuable aid to the government in procuring recruits for the army. His wife, Angelina Waite, whom he wedded November 30, 1842, was born October 14, 1822, daughter of Justin and Olive (Cooley) Waite. Her father was a native of Hatfield and a representative of a highly respected family. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Dickinson have had four children, of whom only one, William Cooley, is now living. James W., born October 24, 1844, died November 10, 1868; he married Avie M. Wood, and they had a daughter, Mary J. Mary S. Dickinson, born October 14, 1847, died August 13, 1849. Sarah E., born November 23, 1851, became the wife of E. A. Bardwell, and died August 10, 1876, leaving one child, James D. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Dickinson are among the most

prominent and highly esteemed residents of Hatfield.

William Cooley Dickinson has been in these later years closely identified with his father's business ventures. He is now largely interested in the cultivation of tobacco, and devotes much time and attention to the breeding of fine horses, being the owner of some excellent and speedy animals, including Electmont, one of the best-bred stallions in the county. His stables are equipped with all modern conveniences for boarding and training horses, and in that business he has been very successful.

Mr. Dickinson was married on November 4, 1891, to Clara L. Graves, who was born October 9, 1867, daughter of Thaddeus and Mary H. (Hubbard) Graves. Thaddeus Graves is a prosperous farmer and a leading business man of Hatfield. Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson have two children; namely, William H. and Mary G. Mr. William C. Dickinson is a Republican in politics. His father, Mr. William Henry Dickinson, a portrait of whom is prefixed to this partial record of the family, is of the seventh generation from the first Nathaniel; and he has two great-grandchildren, who represent the tenth generation from that emigrant ancestor.

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**H**IRAM TAYLOR, who is a well-to-do farmer of Middlefield, was born in this county, December 16, 1818, son of Worcester and Phoebe (Loveland) Taylor. The father, who was a native of the county, throughout his life was engaged in farming, in which he was unusually successful. He was Captain of a military company; and he died on June 6, 1826. His wife, also born in the county, died on the same day and month, but fifty-nine years later, having at-

tained the age of eighty-nine. Their union was made happy by the birth of four sons and a daughter: Worcester, Hiram, Lewis, Caroline, and Royal. Both parents were members of the Congregational church, in which they were zealous workers.

Hiram Taylor, who at his father's death was but eight years old, was then put out with the family of Deacon Gamwell, with whom he lived until he was twenty-one years of age. At that time he got possession of the old homestead by purchasing the rights of the other heirs, and with his mother he has resided there since. He deals quite extensively in stock, and makes a specialty of fattening and shipping cattle to market. His stock is mostly short-horn and Hereford. He now owns about seven hundred acres of land, the larger part of which is divided between pasture and meadow. Not until after his mother's death and he was well advanced in years did Mr. Taylor seek a wife. On November 1, 1889, he was married to Miss Carrie Porter. She was born on September 17, 1853, and is a daughter of Theodore Porter, a native of Hatfield, Mass., who is now residing in Florence, where he is profitably engaged in farming.

Mr. Taylor is a loyal Republican and an ardent advocate of the principles of his party. Among the offices of trust and responsibility which he has filled may be mentioned those of Constable and Collector for eight years, Assessor for six years; and for three years he has served as a delegate to the State Board of Agriculture. In 1893 he was sent by his district as a Representative to the State legislature. For upward of fifty years Mr. Taylor has been a communicant of the Congregational church, which for a long time he has served as Deacon and Trustee, and has always been one of its most liberal supporters.

**R**OBERT W. LYMAN, Register of Deeds at Northampton, Mass., the shire town of Hampshire County, is a liberally educated gentleman, a lawyer by profession, and a representative of an old Colonial family well known in these parts for several generations. He was born on March 27, 1850, and is a lineal descendant of Richard Lyman, who was born in High Ongar, England, and came to Massachusetts in 1631, bringing with him three sons: Richard, Robert, and John. The elder Richard became one of the original proprietors of Hartford, Conn., and died there in 1640. His son John, born in 1623, settled at Northampton, Mass., in 1654, and was the father of Benjamin and grandfather of Benjamin, Jr., who after marriage settled at Easthampton. Lemuel Lyman, born in 1735, son of the second Benjamin and grandson of the first of that name, was a soldier in the French and Indian War. He was in the expedition, under Sir William Johnson, sent in 1755 against Crown Point, and in the battle on September 8, known as Dieskau's Defeat, was wounded, and would have been killed had not the shot-pouch which he wore received the bullet aimed at his heart, and thus saved his life. The bullet and pouch are cherished as valued relics in the Easthampton Museum. Ahira Lyman, son of Lemuel and grandfather of Robert W., of the present sketch, was born at Easthampton in 1770, and died in 1836. His wife, Sally Pomeroy, of Southampton, was the daughter of a soldier of the Revolution, one who took part in the battle of Bunker Hill, on the 17th of June, 1775. Grandfather Lyman was an extensive land-owner, and had a saw-mill and a grist-mill on his farm, besides which he carried on a good business as a carriage manufacturer. He was industrious and thrifty, and at the time of his



R. W. LYMAN.



decease was one of the wealthiest men in his vicinity. Both he and his wife were members of the Congregational church. The grandmother died in middle life, leaving four sons: Roland, Pynchon, Ahira, Jr., and Quartus. The eldest son was a jeweller in Lowell, Mass.; and Pynchon was a manufacturer of flour and lumber at Easthampton. After his first wife's death the grandfather married a Miss Baldwin, who bore him two sons, one of whom died at twenty-one; the other, Jabez B. Lyman, was for many years a practising physician at Rockford, Ill., but died in Salem, Mass. The second wife died comparatively young; and the grandfather then married Mrs. Hannah (Judd) Lyman, widow of Azariah Lyman.

Ahira Lyman, Jr., was born on the parental homestead in Easthampton in 1807, and died in 1888. He was a well-to-do farmer, and was also active in military circles, having been elected a Major in the State militia. In 1839 he was married to Theresa Lyman, a daughter of his stepmother by a former husband; and they became the parents of six children, one of whom, Arthur, died at the age of twenty-one years. The others are: Fannie B., wife of William P. Derby, living in Springfield; Albert A., of Northampton; Richard, also of this city; Robert W.; and William R., a commercial traveller, residing in Philadelphia, Pa. The father was previously married, his first wife having been Frances Burt, who bore him three sons, of whom but one is living; namely, Gaius Burt Lyman, of Easthampton. Their first-born, Harry, who was a volunteer in the war of the Rebellion, died of disease contracted in the army at Newbern, N.C., and was buried at Easthampton. Mrs. Theresa Lyman is still living, and makes her home in Springfield.

Robert W. Lyman was brought up on the farm, and assisted in its labors when not in school until seventeen years old. He was subsequently a student in the Massachusetts Agricultural College four years, being graduated from there in 1871. He inherited the military tastes of his ancestors, and was in the military department of the school four years, and after graduation was three years in the State militia, rising to the rank of First Lieutenant. Mr. Lyman began his active career as a civil engineer and a teacher. Commencing the study of law with Bond Brothers & Bottom, he was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was graduated from the Boston University Law School the following year. He shortly began the practice of his profession at Belchertown, Mass., remaining there very successfully engaged until January 1, 1892, when he accepted his present responsible position as Register of Deeds. His work in this department has been performed with great faithfulness and precision, and is duly appreciated.

On June 8, 1892, Mr. Lyman was united in marriage with Mrs. Diantha A. Bridgeman, a daughter of Captain Roswell Allen and the widow of the late Lyman Bridgeman. By her former husband Mrs. Lyman has two sons: Malcolm L. Bridgeman, manager of the Metropolitan Bicycle Company in New York City; and Paul Bridgeman. After his election to the office of Register of Deeds, Mr. Lyman settled in his beautiful home at 11 Linden Street, where he enjoys all the comforts of a happy domestic life. Socially, he is a Knight Templar and a Past Master Mason. He is a Special Justice, being one of the three judges of the District Court of Hampshire. Politically, he is an adherent of the Republican party and an influential member of its ranks.

**C**LARK B. WRIGHT, well known in Middlefield, Mass., as an enterprising and progressive farmer and stock-raiser, is a native of that town, where his birth took place on July 20, 1842, being a son of Nathan and Asenath (Cone) Wright.

Nathan Wright, who was born in Chester, Mass., August 26, 1786, came with his parents to Middlefield about 1796, settling on the farm where Clark B. Wright now resides. He was brought up to farming, and continued to follow that occupation throughout his life on the old homestead. He died there on December 20, 1875, after an honorable and successful career, aged eighty-nine years. His wife, who was born in Peru, Mass., July 19, 1795, died September 2, 1879. The fruit of their union was eleven children, of whom two are now living, namely: Clark B.; and Louisa, now Mrs. L. Smith. Their birth record is as follows: Nathan, born February 27, 1818; Amos, December 5, 1819; Harriett A., December 12, 1821; Mary C., September 20, 1823; Louisa, March 23, 1826; Emory, August 2, 1828; Charles, December 8, 1830; Fidelia, December 30, 1832; Matilda, December 1, 1835; Olin, December 25, 1839; and Clark B., July 20, 1842. In addition to the educational advantages offered by the common schools of the town, the children enjoyed the privilege of attending the high school of the county. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and were actively interested in the work of that body. In politics the father always supported the Whig party. He filled several town offices most acceptably, and was popular with the people he met in his social and business relations.

Clark B. Wright, the youngest child, remained with his parents until their death. He then took charge of the home farm, on

which he has since resided. It is known as the Glendale Farm, and is situated about seven miles north of the village of Chester, in one of the best locations in the western part of the county. Besides his general farming he raises such staple New England products as corn and potatoes. He is also quite successful in stock-raising, his stock being chiefly thoroughbred short-horn cattle, Chester White hogs, with some horses.

On March 1, 1864, he was united in marriage with Miss Ann L. Prentice. She was born February 6, 1844, a daughter of Sylvester and Louisa (Williams) Prentice, both of whom were lifelong residents of Massachusetts. Her father was a prosperous and enterprising agriculturist. Mrs. Wright died on October 8, 1893, at forty-nine years of age, leaving no children.

Mr. Wright, though a stanch Republican, has no inclination for office. His home duties have required all his time and attention. He is a member of the Baptist church of Middlefield, and so was his wife, who was a highly intelligent woman. Both were always active and influential workers in the cause of Christianity.

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**S**AMUEL W. LEE, JR., whose portrait accompanies the present sketch, is a member of the Nonotuck Silk Company of Leeds, Mass., and a valued citizen of Northampton. He was born in Northampton, August 10, 1857, and is a son of Samuel W. Lee, Sr., who was born in Northampton Centre, April 14, 1835. His grandfather, Samuel William Lee, was born in Connecticut, and lived for some time in Middletown, but subsequently removed to Northampton. He married Electa Bacon, who bore him five children, of whom Samuel



SAMUEL W. LEE, Jr.,



W. Lee, Sr., of Northampton, Electa Lee, of Newfield, N.J., and Cornelia, the widow of the Rev. William Bates, are now living.

Samuel W., son of Samuel William and Electa (Bacon) Lee, married Hepzibah Severance, a native of Heath, Mass., who passed to the life eternal in November, 1891, leaving four children, namely: Samuel W., Jr.; Grace, who married John Robinson, and died in the prime of womanhood, leaving one son; Arthur, who is married, and is in business with his father; and Philip, who died when young.

Samuel W. Lee, Jr., was educated in the district and high school of his native city, being well fitted for the responsibilities of life, and at the age of seventeen years began to be self-supporting. He first entered the insurance office of Peck & Pierce, remaining with them until 1878. Coming then to Leeds, Mr. Lee was employed as book-keeper for the Mill River Button Company three years; and in the spring of 1881 he accepted a similar position in the office of the Nonotuck Silk Company, with which he has since been connected, this being the largest silk-thread company in the world.

On the 20th of April, 1881, Mr. Lee was united in marriage with Miss Emma L. Dimock, a daughter of Lucius and Electa (Jones) Dimock. Mrs. Dimock died in 1884, leaving her husband and two daughters: Emma L., Mrs. Lee; and Kittie, the wife of George Wright Clarke. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Lee has been brightened by the birth of one child, Harold Dimock Lee, a promising boy of thirteen years. Mr. Lee resides with his father-in-law, who is the Managing Director of the Nonotuck Silk Company.

In politics Mr. Lee is a strong Republican, and for two years served his fellow-townsman as a member of the Common Council. He

also represents this ward on the Northampton Board of Education, and has been Secretary of the Forbes Library since its organization, being a most responsible and trustworthy official. Socially, he is a Knight Templar, and for three years was Commander of the Northampton Commandery. Mr. Lee is greatly interested in music, having a decided talent for the art, which he has cultivated, and for several years was organist in the First Church, and afterward sang in the choirs of that and of the Unitarian church.

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**F**ORACE HOLBROOK, the well-known dealer in meats and provisions at Northampton, residing at 228 State Street, was born in Buckland, Franklin County, Mass., on April 5, 1844, son of Amasa C. and Lucretia (Clemens) Holbrook.

His paternal grandfather, Isaac Holbrook, was born in Vermont, and was a farmer in humble circumstances. He married a Miss Saunders, who was also a native of the Green Mountain State; and she bore him four sons and two daughters. With the exception of one daughter who went to Ohio during the early settlement of that State, where she died, leaving some property, all were married, and reared families of their own. Grandfather Holbrook also went to Ohio; but, being taken ill with consumption, he returned East, and died about 1816. His widow died in Michigan in 1850 at a ripe old age.

Amasa C. Holbrook, who was born in Colerain, Mass., in 1812, married Miss Lucretia Clemens, of Charlemont, Mass., a daughter of Joseph Clemens. The latter was a machinist, and followed his trade for a considerable part of his life. He worked in iron and steel, and had a shop of his own on his farm, where

he made dental tools and other implements; but he was also employed for a time in Greenfield, Mass. His widow is now the wife of Harvey Churchill. She was born on Washington's Birthday in 1813, and, though now in her eighty-third year, has retained a clear mind, and enjoys a fair degree of health, notwithstanding injuries from a fall, which necessitate the use of crutches. She bore her husband two sons and three daughters, as follows: Elizabeth Thompson, a widow residing at Shelburne Falls, Mass.; Horace; George R., residing in Ontario, San Bernardino County, Cal.; Emily, who married William Hanks, of Ashfield, Mass., and died, leaving two children; and Mrs. Elvira A. Phillips, who died in Colerain, leaving two sons and a daughter.

Horace Holbrook attended Arms Academy two terms after completing his studies at the district school, and at home was reared to farm work. At eighteen years of age, in September, 1862, he enlisted in Company E of the Fifty-second Massachusetts Regiment, with which he served about a year, being a nine months' man. For two or three years after his father's death he was in Illinois, but since 1868 has engaged in his present business in Western Massachusetts. He first established himself in Montague, remaining there for several years, and about 1879 came to Northampton, where he is carrying on a thriving trade.

He was married on October 4, 1868, to Miss Maria R. Gloyd, of Plainfield, Mass., a daughter of Benjamin Gloyd, a Plainfield farmer. Mr. Gloyd died in 1876, at sixty-three years of age, leaving a widow and four children. Mrs. Gloyd died in 1884, also aged sixty-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook have four children, namely: Charles H., who is married, and lives in Northampton; Louis

George, who married Miss Rose B. Abell, and is employed by his father; Nelson D., who is married, and lives at Everett, Mass., and Fred Amasa, a youth of fifteen years, who is attending school.

Mr. Holbrook is an adherent of the Republican party, and has been a member of the W. T. Baker Post, No. 81, Grand Army of the Republic, ever since its organization. He is also a Chapter Mason. His present residence, which he purchased about eleven years ago, is on a large corner lot and a very desirable property.

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MARSHALL C. SMITH, a prosperous and progressive farmer of Chesterfield, was born in Chester, Hampden County, Mass., December 25, 1855, son of Amok C. and Sarah L. (Beldin) Smith, both of Chester. His father was born November 23, 1812, his mother November 24, 1819. In early life Amok Smith was a painter, and also was engaged in manufacturing paint. Later he took up farming as his occupation, making his home in Chester till 1880, when he came to his son's farm, where he lived till the time of his death, June 18, 1891. His wife now lives with her son, the subject of this sketch. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Henry H., a Congregational minister, who married Mary Summers, and lives in Knightville, Mass.; Ellen W., wife of Robert A. Billings, of Providence; Fitch G., who died March 8, 1847; Addie D., born April 4, 1849, who died March 15, 1861; Mary E., wife of Ptolemy Smith, of Worthington; Marshall C.; Jennie, born February 21, 1861, wife of A. E. Freeman, of South Worthington village.

Marshall C. Smith received a good common-school education, attending school in Hamp-

shire and Hampden Counties. He worked with his father till 1879, when he took possession of the farm that he now owns, which originally consisted of one hundred and eighty-five acres, but has been enlarged by subsequent purchase till it now comprises three hundred acres. He has made many improvements on his place, and raises bountiful crops of corn, potatoes, and hay, besides large quantities of fruit, a patent evaporator for preparing the latter commodity for market being prominent among his agricultural machines and appliances.

On December 25, 1875, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Lizzie E., daughter of Samuel and Mary Beldin, who was born July 19, 1853, in Chester. Mrs. Lizzie E. Smith died about a year after marriage; and on September 29, 1886, Mr. Smith took to his home a second wife, Gertrude J. Knight, a daughter of O. E. and Anna M. (Smith) Knight, who was born in Norwich, Mass., May 23, 1868. Her parents are both living, her father being the present Postmaster in Norwich. Two children have their home with Mr. and Mrs. Smith, namely: Charles Pomeroy, who came to them when six years of age; and his sister, Hattie A. Pomeroy.

Mr. Smith is a stanch Republican. His wife is a member of the Congregational church at Huntington. They have a very pleasant home, the house, which is a hundred years old, being built with spacious rooms in the generous and substantial fashion of last century.

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IRA DANIEL JONES, an extensive farmer of Worthington and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Becket, Mass., March 13, 1842, son of Riley and Nancy (Snow) Jones. His father was a native of Becket, and was reared to agricultural

pursuits. He was a teamster in early manhood, but relinquished that occupation for the trade of a stone mason, which he followed through life in connection with farming. He was a Republican in politics and a highly esteemed citizen. Riley Jones died in the spring of 1892.

His wife, who was a native of Becket, became the mother of twelve children, as follows: George, who married Percy Oliver, and resides in Springfield, Mass.; Ira D., the subject of this sketch; Mary (deceased), who married Windsor Woodard; Washington (deceased), who married Adelia Prentice; Warren, who married Anna Mackey, and is also deceased; Hattie (deceased); Henry, who married Augusta Allen, and resides in Worthington; Etta, widow of Philip Bosquet, who resides in Becket; Frank, who married Ella Burrows, and resides in Cummington, Mass.; Laura, who died young; and two others who died in infancy. The mother died many years ago.

Ira D. Jones resided with his parents until reaching the age of seventeen, when he engaged in farming, and was thereafter employed by the month for several years. For a year previous to 1862 he worked in New Hartford, Conn.; and in September of that year he enlisted as a private in Company F, Nineteenth Connecticut Infantry, from which he was transferred to the Second Connecticut Heavy Artillery. He was present at the battle of Cold Harbor, and took part in several minor engagements, receiving in his left arm at the battle of Winchester a gunshot wound, which necessitated his confinement in the hospital. After remaining in Frederick City for a short time, he was taken to the military hospital in New Haven, Conn., where he stayed for two months, and was discharged June 4, 1865. He returned to New Hartford,

where he was employed as a teamster for several months; and after that he and his brother George rented a farm in Becket, which they conducted in connection with lumbering until April, 1869, when they divided their interests. Mr. Jones then came to Worthington, and bought a farm. He has since added to his original acreage until he now possesses six hundred and fifty-five acres of land, and is one of the largest farmers in this region. He conducts an extensive dairy, keeps a large number of cattle and horses, and has made agriculture a success.

On March 9, 1868, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Sophronia Tucker, who was born in New Hartford, Conn., June 20, 1842, daughter of Nelson and Maria (Rust) Tucker. Mrs. Jones's parents died in New Hartford. Her father was a prosperous farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have one son, named Edward Wesley, who was born December 12, 1870. He married Julia Griffin, resides in Worthington, and is in partnership with his father. In politics Mr. Jones has always supported the Republican party.

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**R**ANSOM COWLS, one of North Amherst's prosperous farmers, was born in Amherst, August 18, 1818, son of Jonathan and Esther (Graves) Cowls. Mr. Cowls's ancestors came originally from Connecticut to Hatfield, Mass.; and his grandparents, David and Sarah (Eastman) Cowls, were natives of that town. David Cowls was born August 11, 1741. He moved from Hatfield to Amherst, where he was an early settler, and cleared the farm which is now owned by Walter Cowls. He was an industrious and an upright man. David Cowls died in Amherst, November 18, 1817. His wife, Sarah Eastman before marriage, who was

born January 28, 1744, daughter of John Eastman, of Hatfield, became the mother of five children: David, Sally, Joseph, Silas, and Jonathan. She died August 14, 1815.

Jonathan Cowls, father of Mr. Cowls, was born in North Amherst, December 2, 1781. He succeeded to the ownership of the home farm, and bought other real estate. He became a very prosperous farmer, and owned some three hundred acres of land. He was a man of sound judgment in all business matters, and was active in public affairs, having been chairman of the Board of Selectmen for some time. Jonathan Cowls died January 18, 1866. He was a zealous member of the Congregational church. His wife, whose maiden name was Esther Graves, was born in Sunderland, November 23, 1783, and became the mother of eight children, as follows: Justin, Erastus, Louis, Ira, and Esther, all deceased; Sarah, wife of George Bridgman, a resident of Michigan; Jonathan, Jr., a prosperous farmer of North Amherst; and Ransom, the subject of this sketch. She died June 20, 1868.

Ransom Cowls was reared to agricultural life, and has always followed farming as an occupation. He resides upon a part of the original farm of David Cowls, his property consisting of one hundred and twenty-five acres. In his time he worked laboriously; but he has now retired from active occupation, leaving his sons to manage the farm. He is a Republican in politics.

On August 24, 1843, Mr. Cowls was united in marriage to Sarah B. Gunn. She was born in Sunderland, August 3, 1821, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Baker) Gunn, both now deceased, who were old residents of North Sunderland, where Stephen Gunn was a farmer. Mrs. Cowls was the mother of the following children: Stephen G., who died

March 4, 1894; Francis J., who married Sarah Wormwood, and died August 1, 1881, leaving two children, Esther and Sarah; Esther T., who married Frank M. Cushman, of Northampton, and has two children, Esther C. and Clara M.; Albert R., who resides at home; and Mellie A., an organ manufacturer of Detroit, Mich., who married Clara Nichols, and has a son, Emerson R. Mrs. Cowls died May 14, 1894. She was a member of the Congregational church. Mr. Cowls has been a member of the same society for fifty years, has been its treasurer, and is the superintendent of the Sabbath-school.

**A**ARON AND LAFAYETTE STEVENS, the well-known millers and manufacturers of Worthington, are natives of this town. Aaron was born February 5, 1816; and Lafayette was born November 30, 1824, both being sons of Aaron Stevens, Sr.

Their father was born in Brookfield, Mass., August 19, 1786. In 1811 he settled in Worthington, where he purchased a farm of seventy-five acres, upon which his son Lafayette now resides. He also engaged in operating a saw and grist mill, which was at that time the only establishment of its kind in the neighborhood; and he conducted it with success until 1837, when it was destroyed by fire. He soon built another mill, and in 1840 erected a larger one, both of which were burned a few years later. Aaron Stevens, Sr., died July 2, 1859. On December 5, 1811, he married Sarah Spelman, who was born in Sandisfield, Mass., October 3, 1783, and died December 15, 1859. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Nathan S., John M., Aaron, Jr., Corril B., Sarah R., Catherine M., and Lafayette.

Aaron Stevens, Jr., assisted his father in carrying on the two saw-mills; and after their destruction he, in company with his brother Nathan, erected another mill, and operated it for some time. He then purchased his partner's interest, and successfully conducted the enterprise for thirty-seven years. In 1894 that mill was also burned, and he at once started to rebuild. He is at present engaged in running a saw-mill and manufacturing hoops.

On March 17, 1842, Aaron Stevens, Jr., was united in marriage to Sophia P. Stone. She was born in Chester, Mass., April 23, 1816, daughter of Harvey Stone, a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are the parents of three children, as follows: Anson F., who was born January 8, 1843, married Fidelia Cole, and resides in Rockford, Ill., where he follows the occupation of a merchant; Eugene Henry, born January 23, 1852, who married Alida Graves, and is engaged in business with his father in the mill; and Cullen Leroy, born January 26, 1854, who also is in company with his father, under the firm name of A. Stevens & Sons. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have also an adopted child, Henrietta J. Cole, who was born February 14, 1858, daughter of Henry and Augusta V. (Packard) Cole. Mr. Aaron Stevens is a Republican in politics, and has served as a Selectman. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are members of the Congregational church, of which he is Deacon.

Lafayette Stevens resided at home, and assisted his father in carrying on the farm. In the spring of 1858 he erected a grist-mill, which he operates with good results; and later he engaged in the manufacturing of embroidery hoops, which he ships to different parts of the country. He is a Republican in politics.

Lafayette Stevens was married on September 10, 1846, to Laura S. Packard. She was

born in Cummington, Mass., November 9, 1825, daughter of William and Sarah (Stoddard) Packard, natives of Massachusetts, the former of whom was born October 25, 1791. William Packard was a well-known and highly esteemed man, who was a surveyor for more than fifty years, also a Justice of the Peace, and was Treasurer of Cummington for thirty-nine years. He died November 2, 1870; and his wife died March 1, 1873.

Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Stevens have had six children, namely: Julia S., who was born July 3, 1847, married Darwin E. Lyman, of Cummington, and has two children — Eugene William and Laura A.; Ella A., who was born April 28, 1850, and died aged four years; William A., who was born October 11, 1852, for his first wife married Alice Daniels, and for his second Marie T. Young, and resides in Buffalo, N.Y., where he is employed as a travelling salesman; Alfred C., who was born May 31, 1856, married Edith M. Tower, and has two children — Walter Leroy and Clara Louisa; Lester F., born May 1, 1859, who married Harriet Read, and resides near Boston, employed as a travelling salesman; and Flora Belle, who was born December 25, 1863, and resides at home. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are members of the Congregational church, of which Mr. Stevens is a Deacon.

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**E**DMUND HOBART, whose portrait is here given, is one of the leading citizens of North Amherst, where for years he has been engaged in farming and lumbering. He was born in Leverett, Mass., May 7, 1822. His parents were Joshua and Sybil (Woodbury) Hobart, the former a native of Taunton, the latter of Leverett. The family is of English origin, the first of the name in this country being Edmund Hobart, who

came to America in 1633, landing at Charlestown, and who settled in Hingham, which was then called Bare Cove, in 1635. That town was the home of many succeeding generations of Hobarts, and the family is still represented there. Notable among the early Hobarts of Hingham, Mass., were two sons of the first Edmund, namely: the Rev. Peter Hobart, who was educated in Cambridge, England, came to Massachusetts with wife and four children in 1635, and was pastor of the church in Hingham nearly forty years; and Captain Joshua Hobart, an officer in King Philip's War, a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, and a very prominent man in public affairs, being a Deputy to the General Court for twenty-four years. Joshua Hobart of a later day, the grandfather of Mr. Hobart of North Amherst, above named, was born in Hingham, Mass. He was a cooper by trade, being an industrious and thrifty man, who worked at farming in the growing season and at cooperage in the winter. He was one of the pioneers of Leverett, establishing a home, where he spent the remainder of his life. Grandfather Hobart was a member of the patriotic militia. He lived to be about eighty years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Goddard, attained the age of ninety. They reared eight children — four sons and four daughters — the second child and eldest son bearing the name Joshua.

The early part of the life of Joshua Hobart, Jr., was spent in Leverett, he being nearly forty years of age when he moved to North Amherst and purchased land, some of which is still owned by the family. He was an industrious and successful farmer. He died at the homestead in North Amherst in his eightieth year. Mrs. Sybil W. Hobart also was nearly eighty at the time of her death. In politics Joshua Hobart, the younger, was a



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Whig, and later a Free Soiler. In religious belief he and his wife were Congregationalists. They reared ten children, who were all present at the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Of these children four are now dead: George W., J. Woodbury, Stillman, and Mary. Fanny, who is the widow of Sylvester Roberts, lives in North Amherst. Sarah A., who is unmarried, resides at Clarendon Hills, Ill. Eliza H. is the wife of the Rev. William E. Dickinson, of Amherst. Isabella is the wife of Dr. Homer Ducep, of Philadelphia. Ellen is the wife of Daniel Dickinson, of Clarendon Hills, Ill. Edmund, of North Amherst, is the only son living.

Edmund Hobart was seven years of age when his parents removed to this place. He attended the district school in the neighborhood, acquiring a fair education, at the same time, under the paternal direction, gradually becoming familiar with practical farming, and, when he attained his majority, left home in pursuit of a livelihood. Purchasing a farm of fifty acres, he made a small payment only, and at once set to work to clear the debt, his toilsome and well-directed labor bringing most profitable results. He has now for many years been engaged in farming and lumbering, and is one of the well-to-do men in North Amherst. He lived for some time on the old Hobart homestead; but thirty years ago he disposed of that property, and moved to his present place, where he has a very handsome residence.

Mr. Hobart's first wife, to whom he was united on February 21, 1844, was Esther P. Montague, a native of Sunderland, born February 7, 1824. Her parents were Moses and Polly (Pomeroy) Montague, the former a native of Sunderland, the latter of Williamsburg. Mrs. Esther P. Hobart died October 21, 1851, leaving one son, Moses M., who

was born March 26, 1846, and is now a well-known lawyer of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Hobart's second marriage took place October 28, 1852, his bride being Harriet Adams, a native of Shutesbury, born November 28, 1822. Two sons were the fruit of this union, namely: Henry W., born July 31, 1855, who died December 23, 1858; and Frank Adams, born November 22, 1866, who resides with his parents.

In politics Mr. Hobart is independent, favoring Republican principles; and he is a strong Prohibitionist. He takes an active interest in the public weal, and has served as Selectman for several terms and as Assessor for some years. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church in North Amherst, in which he has officiated as Deacon for the past thirty years. Deacon Hobart is one of the oldest and most respected residents of North Amherst to-day; and his life career exemplifies the power of accomplishment in the union of industry, perseverance, and integrity.



**S**ILAS R. COOLEY, a dealer in leaf tobacco, one of the most esteemed young business men of Northampton, Mass., was born in North Hadley, January 26, 1858, being the descendant of a well-known family of that town.

The paternal grandfather of the subject of this brief sketch was Charles Cooley, who was a lifelong resident of Sunderland, owning and managing a good farm in that part of the town called Plumtrees. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Stowell, was born in Petersham, Worcester County. Their household circle was enlarged by the birth of eleven children—six sons and five daughters—of whom five sons and three daughters grew to adult life, and three are now living, namely:

Edwin A., a retired farmer of Galesburg, Ill.; Clarissa C., wife of Benedict B. Williams, of Dexter, Mich.; and George L., who owns and occupies the old homestead at Plumtrees, he having been a soldier in the Civil War, belonging to Company F, Thirty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. One daughter, Eliza A., born June 14, 1815, married Cornelius Hilliard, and lived with him more than fifty years, the golden anniversary of their wedding day being celebrated on June 28, 1888. She died in Northfield in 1892.

Simon F. Cooley, son of Charles, was born in Sunderland, Franklin County, October 28, 1817, and died April 12, 1879, in North-Hadley. He was one of the prosperous merchants of Western Massachusetts, for eight years carrying on a large grocery trade in Springfield, and from 1852 until 1879 engaged in general merchandising in North Hadley. He was a typical representative of the bright and enterprising self-made men of Massachusetts, he having started in life without cash capital, and by diligent effort, thrift, and good management acquired a competency, leaving an estate valued at twenty-five thousand dollars. He was influential in public life, a Republican in politics, serving as Selectman several terms, and as Postmaster for twenty years. He married Esther E. Rose, who was born in Granville, Hampden County, but was reared in Springfield, where their union was solemnized October 27, 1847. Their three children were: Ella Rose, Addison G., and Silas R. Ella Rose died at the tender age of two and one-half years; and Addison G. died May 23, 1862, in North Hadley, aged eight years.

Silas R. Cooley received excellent educational advantages in the days of his youth, attending Hopkins Academy two years, afterward pursuing his studies a year at the New

Salem Academy, going from there to the Agricultural College at Amherst, which, however, he was obliged to leave after a year of diligent study on account of trouble with his eyes. He was then engaged for a year as a clerk in his father's store, being subsequently employed for a similar period in the locomotive works at Providence, R.I. In 1881, having then concluded the settlement of his father's estate, Mr. Cooley moved to Northampton, bought his present property, consisting of one acre of land, at 36 High Street, where, besides his modest but pleasant residence, he has an office and storehouse, and established his present profitable business. He packs and deals in leaf tobacco, having a very extensive trade, and conducting it most successfully.

On October 5, 1881, Mr. Cooley was united in marriage with Sarah L. Wright, a daughter of George L. and Elizabeth A. (Cobb) Wright, her father being a thriving farmer of this town and among its most respected citizens. Both parents are faithful members of the First Congregational Church, of which Mr. Wright has been a Deacon for many years. Mrs. Cooley, after her graduation from the Northampton High School and prior to her marriage, was one of the popular and successful teachers of this city. Three children have come to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cooley, namely: Clara Louise, born June 11, 1883; Arthur Rose, born May 4, 1888; and Alice Wright, born September 2, 1890. Exemplary in all the walks of life, a devoted husband and father, in society courteous and genial, in business upright and honorable, Mr. Cooley is deservedly held in high esteem. Politically, he is an earnest Republican, and has served with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents as Councilman and Alderman.

**A**LONZO C. WARNER, a highly respected native-born citizen of Granby, Mass., whose birth date was May 5, 1828, has been intimately associated with the agricultural interests of the town for many years, having begun when a boy to assist his father in clearing and improving the land which he now owns. He is at present, however, practically retired from business. He is the descendant of a family of stability and worth, being a son of Alonzo and Anna (Cutler) Warner, the latter of whom was born in West Brookfield, Mass. Alonzo Warner, who was a tiller of the soil, was a lifelong resident of Granby and a most useful and influential member of the community, being often elected to office, and serving in various important positions. He rounded a full period of life, dying in 1884. Seven children were born into his household, as follows: Alonzo C.; Mary Ann, who lived but a brief time; Stephen M., a general merchant at Centralia, Ill.; Mary Ann, the second to bear that name, residing in Springfield; Susan E., the wife of J. H. Barton, of Springfield; Pamelia B., who passed away at the age of twenty-five years; and Elmina, who died in childhood.

The record of the life of Alonzo C. Warner begins when he was a pupil in the district school, which he left when comparatively young to assist in the farm work at home. The property has been under his direct management for twoscore years, during which time he has intelligently and skilfully carried on general farming, and with exceedingly profitable results, each year adding materially to his wealth.

The union of Mr. Warner with Margaret S. Towne was solemnized December 27, 1870. Mrs. Warner was born at Belchertown, Mass., October 7, 1840, being a daughter of Israel and Hannah (Stacy) Towne, of that place.

Of their marriage three children have been born, namely: Arthur Towne; Walter Stephen, who died at the age of seventeen years; and Anna Cutler. Both Mr. and Mrs. Warner are consistent members of the Congregational church.

In politics Mr. Warner is a steadfast Republican, and has served his fellow-townersmen in various minor offices of the town and county. With the exception of trips through the western part of our country, Mr. Warner has spent his years in the town in which he was reared, finding no place so congenial to his tastes, although he travelled extensively through Illinois, visiting Chicago, also Toledo, Ohio, and other large Western cities. In 1895 Mr. and Mrs. Warner made their latest trip to the West, returning in the month of April. Since then Mr. Warner's health has not been good, the journey not proving as helpful as had been wished; and he has been obliged to give up all active labor.

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**E**DWARD PAYSON COPELAND, dealer in fancy goods and notions at 104 Main Street, Northampton, was born August 1, 1831, in Hartford, Conn., son of Melvin Copeland, who was born in Sturbridge, Mass., March 12, 1797.

Lawrence Copeland, the progenitor of the family in America, a native of England, born, it is said, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, crossed the Atlantic with Governor Winthrop or shortly after he came, and was identified with the Massachusetts Bay Colony until his death, at a very advanced age, December 30, 1699. A record of his family and of several of their descendants is given in Mitchell's History of Bridgewater. Lawrence Copeland was married October 12, 1651, by the Rev. Mr. Hibbens, of Boston, to

Lydia Townsend. They lived in Braintree, and had nine children. William Copeland, the third son of Lawrence and Lydia, married April 13, 1694, Mary, the widow of Christopher Webb and daughter of John and Ruth Alden Bass, a grand-daughter, it is interesting to know, of John Alden. Their son, Jonathan Copeland, married Betty Snell, and settled in West Bridgewater. He spent ninety years on earth; and one of his sons, Jonathan, Jr., lived to the age of ninety-two years. Daniel, the fourth son of Jonathan and Betty Copeland and great-grandfather of the gentleman of whom we write, married Susanna Ames; and both passed their remaining years in Bridgewater, he dying in 1827, aged eighty-six years, and she in 1834, at the age of ninety-one years. They were the parents of eleven children, the difference between the ages of the eldest and the youngest being thirty years. Daniel Copeland, Jr., son of Daniel and Susanna, was married April 28, 1791, to Abigail Shaw, a daughter of Gideon Shaw, of Raynham. His first wife dying March 26, 1810, leaving six children, in 1813 he again married, and by his second wife had two sons. He departed this life in Huntington, whither he had removed from Sturbridge, Mass., March 15, 1850, aged eighty-three years.

Melvin Copeland was the third child and second son born to his parents. He turned his attention to mechanical pursuits, becoming a plane-maker, following that trade in Hartford for twenty-five years. He then removed with his family to Hampshire County, locating in what is now Huntington, then known as Chester Village, in October, 1842. His wife, Lucinda Blake, whom he wedded October 13, 1824, was a daughter of Nathaniel Blake, and was born in Hartford, Conn. Ten children were born to them, the sons and daughters being equally divided. The par-

ents journeyed together as man and wife for forty-six years, and in death were not long separated, the father closing his eyes to earthly scenes March 5, 1866, aged sixty-nine years, and the widowed mother following him a month later, dying April 6, 1866, aged sixty-eight years. He was a man of unusual intelligence and progressiveness, alive to the pressing questions of his day, an ardent supporter of the antislavery cause and of temperance. In politics a Whig and afterward a Republican, he took an active part in the important campaigns, being a ready and forcible speaker. His son well remembers seeing him, with his coat off, astride a log, helping to build a log cabin during the Presidential campaign of 1840, and being, probably, one of the loudest shouters of the stirring refrain,

"Tippecanoe, and Tyler too,  
And with them we'll beat little Van."

He was very much interested in the family history, and shortly before his death visited Boston, Quincy, Braintree, and Bridgewater, consulting Savage's Genealogical Dictionary, Winthrop's Journal, Thayer's Genealogy, and Mitchell's History of Bridgewater, and, better still, interviewing a surviving aunt and uncle, Chloe and Daniel Copeland, a son and daughter of Daniel Copeland, Sr., she in her seventy-eighth year and her brother four years younger, both living on the old homestead established by their father one hundred years before that time.

In the manuscript left by Mr. Melvin Copeland the family traits are thus given: "Physically, medium height, well proportioned, compact, and muscular; capable of much hard service and endurance. Complexion, light and ruddy, with a sandy tendency, and blue eyes; not corpulent, and somewhat distinguished for longevity and for rearing large

families. Intellectual and studious; demonstrative and investigating; cautious and critical, with inventive genius. Morally, strictly honest, with stern integrity, proving faithful to trusts, and law-abiding. Religiously, free from fanaticism and formality, but scriptural in belief, and uniformly cheerful and unobtrusive. Self-reliant, industrious, and frugal, but hospitable and generous, striving to be useful in public and private life. Characteristics like these, when strongly developed on the male side, will show themselves for many generations, and will occasionally stand out in individual cases almost as strong as in the original; and the man who by temperate habits and a well-regulated life transmits to his posterity good health and a strong constitution, with the above characteristics, leaves them the best possible inheritance."

Edward Payson Copeland, having attended the public schools until fourteen years of age, studied at a select school for three months, and then began working with his father in the manufacture of planes, at length being admitted to partnership, and continuing with him until 1861. He is now conducting a well-established, lucrative business in Northampton, and owns and occupies a pleasant home at 85 New South Street, where he has resided since 1893. Inheriting to a large extent the personal characteristics above mentioned, he has proved a valued citizen, and has the respect of the entire community. He is a Republican in politics, but has not been an aspirant to public office.

Mr. Copeland was married June 2, 1853, to Marietta Cowles, their nuptials being celebrated in Amherst, at the home of the bride's parents, Moses and Chloe Cowles. Two children have been born of their union: Harriet and Lucien B. Harriet is the wife of A. H. Stocker, of this city. Lucien, who was grad-

uated from Amherst College in the class of 1886, is now an attorney-at-law in Omaha, Neb. He married Annie Herrick, of Northampton; and they have one daughter, Dorothy, now two years old.

**G**ORDYCE BATES, a successful farmer of Worthington, was born in this town, February 25, 1823, son of Quincy and Lovica (Knapp) Bates. Mr. Bates's paternal grandparents were residents of Weymouth, Mass. Quincy Bates was born in Cummington, Mass., March 17, 1791; but, having grown to manhood, he settled upon a farm in Worthington, where he became a prosperous and well-known farmer. He died in October, 1875. His wife was born in Cummington, April 19, 1790, daughter of Jonathan Knapp, and she became the mother of ten children, namely: Shepard F., who died in Cummington in 1842; Herman L., who is now engaged in agricultural pursuits in Peru, Mass.; Emily L., widow of Talmage Church, a former manufacturer of Middlefield; Marcus A., now deceased; Mary L., who died October 3, 1838; Fordyce and Gordyce, twins; Laura T., who married Jabez Hazzard, a druggist of New York City, and is now deceased; Jonathan L., who died October 13, 1838; and Austin, who died on the passage to California, at the age of eighteen. The mother died January 1, 1839.

Gordyce Bates resided with his parents until he reached the age of seventeen, when he commenced to learn the trade of a carpenter and joiner. He worked at that trade as a journeyman for five years, and then, in company with his brother Marcus, erected a saw-mill in the vicinity of the old homestead, in which they manufactured fork, rake, broom, and shovel handles, besides sawing lumber for

other parties. They conducted a successful business until some time in 1866, when the mill was burned. In 1843 Mr. Bates purchased the old home farm, which originally consisted of forty acres; and he has increased his property to one hundred and sixty-five acres. He carries on general farming, and makes a specialty of raising beef and vegetables for the market. Mr. Bates is a Republican in politics, and has always taken an active interest in local political issues. He was for five years a member of the Board of Selectmen, and served one year as Collector.

On April 29, 1846, Mr. Bates married for his first wife Corinth Wing, a native of Hinsdale, Mass. She was born November 27, 1824, daughter of Zeri and Triphenia (Ingham) Wing, the former of whom was a practising physician. Four children were born of this union, namely: Emma L., who married Andrew Brewster, of Cummington; Clarence E., who married Ida Hancock, and resides in Huntington, Mass.; Shepard F., who died in infancy; and Shepard F., second, who married Nellie A. Tower, and resides in Washington. The mother died July 21, 1894; and on June 5, 1895, Mr. Bates wedded for his second wife Mrs. Malina Graves, a sister of his first wife. Mrs. Malina Bates was born March 26, 1823, and has been three times married. By her first husband, Sherman Geer, she had one son, Elwin W. Geer, who married, and resides in Dalton, Mass. Her second husband was Amasa Graves, Jr., of Middlefield, by whom she had one son, Arthur W. Graves, who is married, and resides in Pittsfield, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Bates are members of the Congregational church. Fordyce Bates, Mr. Bates's twin brother, went to California in 1849, and remained there for several years, during which he was successful both as a

merchant and a miner. While there he served as a member of the legislature in 1860. Marcus A. Bates was a member of the legislature in 1880.

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**L**EMUEL BATES FIELD, who has been superintendent of lumber and construction for the Nonotuck Silk Company of Leeds for the past thirty years, is recognized as a man of unusual business acumen and a most worthy and valued citizen. He is a native of Franklin County, having been born July 28, 1832, in the town of Whately, in the same house, on the old Field homestead, where his father, John Field, was born, October 10, 1792.

Zenas Field, the father of John Field, was born August 10, 1753, and on March 12, 1778, married Sarah Burroughs. She died September 10, 1810; and the following year he was again married, but of this union there were no children. The children borne to Zenas Field by his first wife were as follows: Lydia; Orange; John; Lydia, second; Orange, second; John, second; Sarah; Zenas; and Esther B., the wife of John Bridgman, who was an uncle of Sydney Bridgman.

John Field was a lifelong farmer, working hard on his hilly land, and improving a good property. He married Abigail Warner, a daughter of Paul Warner, of Williamsburg; and they became the parents of eight children. The following grew to mature years: Clymenia, who was the wife of Cornelius Pomeroy, of Southampton; Paul W., who is still living on the old homestead; Lemuel Bates; and John Wright Field, who was a volunteer soldier in the Union army, belonging to Company F, Thirty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and lost his life at the battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864, being Sergeant



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of his company, and dying with the regiment's colors in his hands. He left a wife and one daughter, the latter being now the wife of Clifford Haynes, of Springfield. Mrs. Pomeroy, the eldest daughter, departed this life in 1854, aged thirty-six years, and leaving two children.

Lemuel B. Field attended school regularly until nine years of age, his schooling the next eight years being limited to three months during the winter season. Not being satisfied to earn his living by delving in the rocky soil, he decided upon a mechanical trade, and accordingly entered the employment of a Mr. Graves in Whately, serving as an apprentice until attaining his majority, and then remaining with him six months more. By the terms of the apprenticeship he was to receive forty dollars per year, and after that the agreement was for one dollar per day; but this sum was withheld, the dishonest employer leaving the town without paying his debts. Mr. Field next worked for four years with Harvey Moore, a millwright in Whately, going thence to Allegan, Mich., where he was engaged in carpentering when the panic of 1857 occurred, putting an end to all building operations. From that time until 1863 he was engaged, in company with the Densmores, as a carpenter and millwright in Hatfield, Mass. In 1864 Mr. Field came to Leeds, locating here in the month of March; and since that time he has been the faithful and trusted employee of the Nonotuck Silk Company. He has been very industrious and thrifty, investing his surplus money judiciously, and has accumulated a goodly estate, being the owner of four tenement-houses here besides his residence property, containing three acres of land, which he purchased in 1879, and on which he has since erected his present fine dwelling.

Mr. Field was first married on June 14,

1855, to Harriet Lilly, a daughter of Chipman Lilly, of Ashfield. She died in Leeds, September 20, 1868, leaving one child, Mrs. Lilly Isabelle Clark, who has one son, Daniel L. Clark, a student in the high school. On September 2, 1869, Mr. Field was united in wedlock with Augusta Jane Robbins, a daughter of the late T. M. Robbins, of Guilford, Me. Mrs. Field is one of four children born to her parents, her only sister being a resident of Guilford, and Leroy T. Robbins, her surviving brother, being a resident of Leeds. A brother George was killed at the close of the war. Mrs. Augusta J. Field was engaged in teaching school before her marriage, and since then has done efficient service in this place as a member of the Board of Education.

In politics Mr. Field is a stanch adherent of the Republican party, and in the administration of local affairs he is a conspicuous figure. Though never an office-seeker, he is now serving his third term as Alderman, having been elected in 1892 by eight votes, and the following term by sixteen, and at the last election by a majority of seventy-two votes, being now President of the Board, and, in the absence of the Mayor, chairman of the Committee on Highways and of the fire department. Mr. Field belongs to the Knights Templars, being Past Eminent Commander, and having passed all the chairs of the Northampton Royal Arch Chapter and Jerusalem Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He is a leader in the social life of Northampton, and, whenever he absents himself from the club, is greatly missed. Business associates and friends who know his worth hold him in high esteem, and strangers are attracted toward him by his pleasing personality and cordial manners. That he is happily endowed mentally and physically may be seen from his portrait here given.

**E**DWARD C. PACKARD, Town Clerk and a member of the Board of Selectmen of Goshen, was born in this town October 14, 1847, son of Hiram and Lurane (Carpenter) Packard. Mr. Packard's great-grandfather, Joshua Packard, settled in Goshen in 1770; and here Willard Packard, one of his three sons, became a large land-owner and was an extensive raiser of cattle and sheep. The farm now occupied by J. Beals was a part of his estate. Willard Packard married Bathsheba Smith, and had a family of nine children: William S., Cordelia, Edmund, Malesta, Julia, Willard, Emeline, Hiram, and Freeman S.

Hiram Packard, one of the two younger sons of Willard, bought a portion of his father's farm, which he later sold, and purchased the Smith farm of one hundred acres. He improved the place, erected a new house and barn, and resided there for twenty years. He then sold that property and bought the Carpenter farm, which consisted of one hundred acres; and here he also erected new buildings. Hiram Packard was a Republican in politics, and became prominent in public affairs, serving as a Selectman, Town Treasurer, and as a member of the House of Representatives in 1873. He was a progressive and public-spirited man and a member of the Congregational church. He died in 1894, aged seventy-six years. His wife, Lurane Carpenter, who survives him, became the mother of three children, as follows: Henry W., Edward C., and Charles S.

Edward C. Packard resided with his parents until reaching the age of twenty-one. During the mining excitement in 1869 he went to Colorado, where he was successful; and returning to Goshen he purchased the old homestead, upon which he has since conducted general farming. He has also engaged in

lumbering with good results. He is superintendent of construction upon a section of the State road, his portion of which is a creditable piece of work. Mr. Packard is a Republican in politics and has served in different positions of public trust, having been a Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for six years, and Town Clerk for two terms.

On October 14, 1875, Mr. Packard was united in marriage to his first wife, whose maiden name was Vesta C. Dresser, and who was a daughter of George Dresser. She died in 1879, aged twenty-four, leaving two children—Edward W. and Lawrence A. Mr. Packard wedded for his second wife, September 20, 1883, Abbie Z. Wakefield, daughter of John Wakefield, of Reading, Mass., and has five children, as follows: Lurane, Henry W., Rachel, Arthur W., and Frances E. Mr. and Mrs. Packard are members of the Congregational church.

**C**HARLES L. HOSFORD, proprietor of Terrace Grove, Williamsburg, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Williamstown, Berkshire County, Mass., November 12, 1839, son of Arad and Sophia (Bardwell) Hosford. Mr. Hosford's grandfather, Stephen Hosford, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He followed agriculture in Plainfield, Mass., for some time, and later moved to Goshen, where he became a prosperous farmer.

Arad Hosford, Mr. Hosford's father, was born in Plainfield in 1795. At the age of twenty-one he entered mercantile life in Williamstown as a clerk; and after continuing in that capacity for several years he purchased a farm, upon which he settled. He became an extensive real estate dealer and was a progressive citizen. He was a Captain in the State militia and a Whig in politics. He died in

1857. His wife, Sophia Bardwell, was a daughter of Obediah Bardwell, a veteran and a pensioner of the Revolutionary War, who died at the advanced age of ninety-six years. She became the mother of eleven children, four of whom died young. Those who reached maturity were: Harriet, Calvin C., Chester B., B. Frank, William A., Charles L., and Mary. The mother died in 1872, aged sixty-four years.

Charles L. Hosford was educated in the district schools of Williamstown; and at the age of eighteen he went to Winsted, Conn., where he was engaged as a clerk for four years. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in Company E, Second Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, for three months' service; and at the expiration of that time he re-enlisted and was commissioned a Lieutenant.

He was subsequently promoted to the rank of Captain, and participated in several important battles. He resigned his commission in 1863, and returning to Winsted engaged in the retail boot and shoe business. In 1871 he sold his business and came to Haydenville, where he secured a position at the brass works, in which he later became overseer of his department. He remained there until 1885, when failing health caused him to retire. In 1887 he bought the William Skinner farm of sixty-three acres, which was comparatively unimproved, with the exception of twelve acres of meadow land; and he proceeded to clear the neglected portion into a state of cultivation. He erected a handsome house and spacious barns, with all modern conveniences; and upon the completion of the electric road from Northampton he beautified and fitted up a fine grove of stately pines and oaks for amusement purposes.

Mr. Hosford has spared neither pains nor expense in making Terrace Grove an attractive picnic ground. It contains a platform seventy

by thirty feet, covered by a canvas awning and capable of seating two hundred people, with kitchen conveniences connected equal to the preparation of an elaborate dinner. There is an oven for clam-bakes, with ample space for lawn tennis, base-ball, company drill, and all other out-of-door exercises. Special pains have been taken to make the grove popular as a resort for chowder and clam-bake parties, basket picnics, and evening parties; and a pleasant dressing-room is provided for ladies. The grove is reached by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and the electric cars from Northampton run to a point within two minutes' walk of the entrance. Although Terrace Grove has been opened but a short time, it is already appreciated by many, and is a popular resort for summer outing parties. Mr. Hosford's enterprise merits all the success to be anticipated.

On September 22, 1864, Mr. Hosford was united in marriage to Harriet I. Pierce, daughter of Amos Pierce, a prosperous farmer and dairyman of Winsted, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Hosford had seven children, namely: Nellie, who died in infancy; Alice, who resides at home; Howard, who married Lillian Van Slyke, and is a travelling salesman for the brass works in Haydenville; Mary, a talented singer, who resides at home; Frank B., a machinist of Williamsburg; Robert, who died young; and Charles, who resides at home. Mr. Hosford is a member of St. Andrew's Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Winsted. He is a Democrat in politics and liberal in his religious views.

**A**USTIN GEER, who is successfully engaged in general farming and dairying in the town of Worthington, was born within the borders of that town on October 18, 1821, being a son of Luther and

Joanna Geer, the former of whom was a native of Peru, Mass., and the latter of Chesterfield, Mass.

Luther Geer followed the different occupations of carpenter, farmer, and shoemaker, the last named only to a limited extent. In 1810 he settled in Worthington, purchasing about one hundred acres of land, but little of which had been cleared and brought into a state of cultivation. Later on he added to it by the purchase of forty acres. The last years of his life were spent on his farm, where he died in April, 1854. His wife's death occurred over twenty years previously, in January, 1832, leaving nine children: Roxana, Sherman, Warren L., Rosilla J., Lucy, Austin, Dolly Ann, Clarinda, and Maria D. Of these but two, Austin and Rosilla, are now living. Their father subsequently married Miss Lydia Bisbee, of Chesterfield, Mass., the ceremony being performed on May 30, 1832. Marietta Geer, the only child born of the latter union, died when but twenty years of age. In politics Mr. Geer was a Whig.

Austin Geer continued to live with his parents for a year after he attained his majority. He then for two years followed the business of a pedler with good success, but was taken sick with a fever, which laid him up for about a year. When again able to work he accepted a position in a store in Pittsfield, where he remained for eight months. He next engaged in agriculture, and, being possessed of good business ability and prudence, his enterprises have prospered so that he is now the owner of over five hundred acres of land. He carries on general farming, raises a good quantity of such standard New England products as corn, oats, and potatoes, and also engages moderately in dairying. On October 9, 1849, Mr. Geer was joined in marriage with Miss Lucy Ann Osgood, whose birth occurred in New

Lebanon, N.Y., December 27, 1823. Her parents, Safford and Olive (Abby) Osgood, were respectively natives of New Hampshire and New York. They came to Massachusetts in 1830, first settling in Peru, and later on removing to Worthington. Her father was a mason by trade, and also followed agriculture with success. He spent the last years of his life in Worthington, where he died February 1, 1890. His wife died many years previously, on February 22, 1864. Both are buried in Worthington. Mr. and Mrs. Geer's union has been blessed by four children, as follows: Ann Jane, born August 13, 1850, living at home; Millard Henry, born April 4, 1852, who died March 24, 1854; Charles Preston, born August 3, 1856; and Addie F., born November 5, 1861, who died May 27, 1865. Charles Preston Geer, who has made his home with his parents, is, like his father, a successful farmer; and in connection with that avocation he devotes some time to that of pedler. On September 15, 1892, he was married to Miss Lemira Edith Pelton, who was born in Springfield, Mass., July 10, 1864. She is a daughter of John Winfield and Lemira Phœbe (Kingsley) Pelton. The father was born June 23, 1821; and the mother's birth occurred in Plainfield, Mass., May 29, 1829. Mr. Pelton was a carpenter and builder throughout his life. He died April 3, 1866, and is buried in Springfield, Mass. He was the father of the following children: George F.; Francis G.; Louis D.; Franklin E.; Charles S.; John W., Jr.; Lemira Edith; and Martha I. Lemira Edith and John W., Jr., are the only survivors. The latter, who is a travelling salesman for a Boston firm, was married October 23, 1886, to Miss Lizzie Jones Bartlett, of Hartford, Conn., and has two children: Alice Frances and George Bartlett. Mrs. Pelton lives with her daughter.

Mr. Geer is a Republican in politics, and has always been an ardent advocate of the principles of his party. During the past twenty years he has rendered faithful and efficient service as Highway Surveyor. He served acceptably as Selectman in 1891, and has also acted as Overseer of the Poor.

**C**HARLES E. BROOKS, a leading farmer of Goshen and one of the town fathers, was born in Williamsburg, Mass., October 1, 1850, son of Horatio and Elizabeth C. (Chapman) Brooks, and grandson of Nathan and Eunice (Weeks) Brooks. The grandfather, Nathan Brooks, who was born in Rehoboth in 1779, was a well-to-do farmer. He died in 1856; and his wife, who was three years younger, passed away in the same year. They reared six children; namely, Eunice, Nathan, Horatio, Rhoda, Levi, and Samuel.

Horatio Brooks, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Huntington, Mass. When quite young he learned the blacksmith trade, and for some years worked as a journeyman, spending some time in Hatfield. He then bought a shop in Williamsburg and carried on a very successful business until 1863, when, deciding to retire, he bought the Abells farm in Goshen. This estate contained one hundred acres of good land. Mr. Brooks much enhanced its value by making many improvements and repairing the buildings. He died at the age of sixty-four; his wife's death occurred when she was sixty-two. In politics Mr. Brooks was a Republican, and in religious belief he and his wife were Adventists. They had but one child, who is the subject of this sketch.

Charles E. Brooks received his education in the common schools of Williamsburg. He remained on the farm until twenty-three years

of age, when he started to earn a livelihood for himself. At the end of three years, however, he returned home and took charge of the farm, which has been under his management up to the present time. He carries on general farming and keeps a small dairy of choice Holsteins. From both sources he derives a comfortable income.

Mr. Brooks was twice married. His first wife, to whom he was united in 1878, was Jennie S., daughter of William S. Packard. She died at the age of twenty-seven, leaving two children: Harry W., born July 21, 1880; and Raymond E., who was born June 3, 1889. Mr. Brooks's second wife was Laura Barrus, daughter of Charles Barrus, of Springfield. She is the mother of one child, Marion A., born March 21, 1892.

In politics Mr. Brooks is a Republican. He has served as Selectman for ten consecutive years, and is one of the superintendents of the work on the macadamized State road, now being constructed in the town of Goshen. In this employment he spares no pains in forwarding the work. In religious belief Mr. Brooks and his wife are Congregationalists.

**D**WIGHT A. HORTON is an extensive dealer in wood, coal, and fertilizers at Northampton, and was born in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, June 5, 1830. His father, Ansel Horton, who now resides at Savoy, Mass., hale and hearty at the age of eighty-nine years, was born on May 28, 1806, and is a son of Asahel Horton, whose birth occurred at Rehoboth, Mass., in 1771. Asahel Horton settled in Windsor, Berkshire County, Mass., when a young man, and followed agriculture there during the remainder of his life. He was a very eccentric character, and was known as Uncle Horton. He

married Jemimah Aldrich; and she was the mother of three sons and one daughter, of whom two sons are still living, namely: Aaron, who now resides at Leverett, aged seventy-nine years; and Ansel, Mr. Horton's father. Asahel Horton's wife died at the age of ninety-three years.

Mr. Horton's mother was before her marriage Hannah Thompson, of Windsor. She was a daughter of Samuel and Mary Thompson, residents of Cummington. Ansel Horton was a carpenter by trade, and reared his eight sons to the same occupation. He was a prominent builder in this section, and during his six years of apprenticeship worked for one year upon the first United States Hotel at Saratoga Springs. The Baptist and Methodist Episcopal churches in Savoy were erected by him, as were also the first glass works building and the blast furnace at Cheshire, Mass. He possessed three large farms at Savoy and Windsor, the last of which he sold in 1893. He was a Methodist in religious belief; and his wife, who died in 1867, at the age of sixty-two years, was a Baptist.

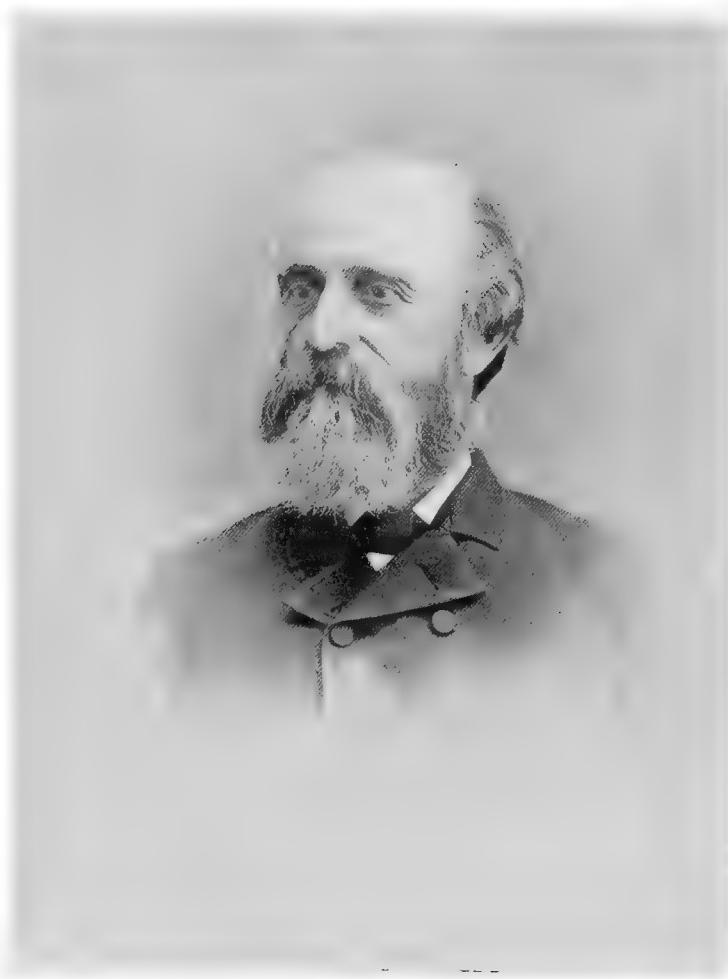
Dwight A. Horton attended the district schools in his boyhood, and at the age of fourteen years commenced to learn the carpenter's trade. He followed that occupation until 1860, when he went to St. Charles, Mich., and assumed charge of a lumber business. In 1862, with ninety-eight others, he went to Lansing, Mich., for the purpose of enlisting for service in the Civil War, but was rejected on account of disability. Returning East he again sought to enroll himself among the Union's defenders, but met with the same difficulty. He has been an extensive contractor and builder, and among his enterprises in this direction are the Schimmerhorn House at Lenox and the Northrop Block at Lee. Mr. Horton is a Master Mason, having been Secre-

tary of the Lodge, and is a Republican in politics. He was for nine years an Assessor in the town of Hadley, was a member of the Common Council at Northampton two years, during one of which he was chairman of that body, and has been a member of the State Board of Agriculture for the past seven years. He was a charter member of the State Grange, and has held the office of Deputy Grand Master of two local Granges, having also been a member of the State Dairy Bureau since its organization.

On August 24, 1854, Mr. Horton was united in marriage to Miss Amanda M. Mason, a school-mate, daughter of Edward and Maria Mason, of Savoy. Of their six children one died in infancy; the others are as follows: Frederick, who for the past eighteen years has been a prominent railroad official at Vera Cruz, Mexico, having a wife and one son, Frederick D.; Helen L., wife of H. L. Phelps, of West Springfield, Mass., having three daughters and one son; Ralph M., a salt dealer of Northampton, who resides at old Hadley, having a wife, two sons, and three daughters; Susan P., wife of Eugene Dickinson, turnkey at the Hampshire County Jail, having two daughters; and Dora, a graduate of the Saxon River Academy, who was married September 25, 1895, to Dr. J. H. Roberts, a veterinary surgeon of Northampton, and with her husband lives at her father's home. Mrs. Horton died on May 20, 1893, at the age of fifty-nine years. Mr. Horton is a Baptist in his religious belief, and the family attend that church.

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**H**ORACE K. PARSONS, whose portrait appears on the page opposite and an outline of whose course in life as a very capable man of business and a patriotic citizen of the Republic is given below,



HORACE K. PARSONS.



died after a lingering illness, in Florence, Mass., on June 8, 1891, at fifty-six years of age. His widow, Mrs. Sarah A. Parsons, still resides at the pleasant home in this village where they had lived together nearly twenty years. Mr. Parsons was born in Enfield, Conn., and was a son of Josiah and Lucy (Markham) Parsons, and a grandson of Josiah, Jr., and Demias (Kellogg) Parsons. His grandparents had one son and two daughters; and the son, Josiah Parsons, Jr., died in 1845, in the prime of life, leaving two sons, Russell D. and Horace K., and one daughter, Mrs. Fidelia Fairman, of Enfield, Conn. Russell D. Parsons died in 1883, leaving three sons and a daughter. He was a painter by trade, and met his death by a fall while engaged at his work.

Horace K. Parsons received his education at Wilbraham Academy, and taught school a few terms in early life. After his marriage he settled in Thompsonville, Conn., where he lived until he volunteered for service in the Civil War in the fall of 1861. He entered the Tenth Connecticut Regiment, of which Henry Clay Trumbull was Chaplain, and served at first in the ranks, but was afterward detailed as Commissary Sergeant and later was promoted to the position of Quartermaster of the regiment. He was present at the surrender of Lee, being soon after joined by his wife at Richmond, and was mustered out at Hartford, Conn., in August, 1865, having served about four years. In January, 1866, he came to Florence, Mass., as agent for the Florence Mercantile Company, which he managed successfully for ten years, the company then closing up its affairs. Mr. Parsons continued in mercantile business during the remainder of his life. His marriage with Miss Sarah A. Levitt was solemnized on March 4, 1860.

Mrs. Parsons is a daughter of William and Agnes (Hurd) Levitt, and was born in England. Her parents and an uncle came to this country about 1842, and settled in South Hadley, from which place they afterward removed to Thompsonville, Conn. Her father was a manufacturer of textile fabrics. Mrs. Parsons has two sisters and four brothers, namely: Elizabeth, the wife of Clifford Parsons, living in Bristol, Conn.; George Levitt, who served in the Civil War, married in Virginia, and has two children; Thomas Levitt, living in Bristol, Conn.; Robert Levitt, residing in Westerly, R. I.; Mary, who married William Fultton, of Florence, Mass.; and Willie Levitt, of Ellington, Conn. Their mother died at fifty-three years of age, and their father twenty years later, in 1887, at seventy-seven years of age. Their remains rest in Windsorville cemetery, two miles from their home at Broad Brook, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons became the parents of eight children. They lost their only daughter in infancy and a son Freddie at the age of twenty-one months. The six living children are as follows: Lincoln Horace Parsons, who was born on the day of President Lincoln's inauguration, is married, and is engaged in business as a meat dealer in Florence; Charles O. Parsons, the successor to his father in trade and at one time Postmaster of Florence, who married Miss Mary Dilworth, of Belfast, Me., and has one daughter; Royal A. Parsons, unmarried, residing at home; George K. Parsons, a plumber and tinsmith in Springfield, Mass., who married Miss Lucy German; Harry M. Parsons, a young man nineteen years of age, at home and engaged in the jeweller's trade; and Robert F. Parsons, a promising lad of fifteen years, attending school.

Mr. Parsons was a stanch Republican. He served as Alderman, and was Postmaster at the

time of his death. Fraternally, he was a member of the Masonic Order, and also of the William L. Baker Post, No. 86, Grand Army of the Republic. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was one of the founders, the first meetings being held at his home. Mrs. Parsons is now a firm believer in Christian Science. She is a woman of fine physical and remarkable mental ability. Her husband was a clear-headed business man, and left a goodly estate. In 1873 he erected their fine home on his little fruit farm, which he purchased soon after coming to Florence, and the store, post-office building, and substantial barn were all built before his death.



**A**LBERT M. BELDEN, M.D., a resident of Chesterfield and a leading physician of Hampshire County, was born in Whately, June 22, 1867, and in the same house where his father and grandfather had likewise been born. The Doctor's great-grandfather Belden, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. On the cessation of hostilities he located in Whately, being one of its earliest settlers. He bought the original Belden homestead, and there reared his children.

Elihu Belden succeeded to the ownership of the homestead property, and was one of the foremost agriculturists of this part of the county for many years. In addition to general farming he raised and sold large quantities of tobacco. He continued a resident of the town until his decease, November 13, 1882. He married Roxanna Leonard, who died September 3, 1870. They became the parents of eight children, namely: Henrietta, deceased; Franklin, residing in Whately; Elihu Leonard; Channing Snow, of Hartford; William Clifford, a resident of Springfield, Mass.;

Rufus Howland, deceased; Albert Matson, the subject of this sketch; and a child that died in infancy.

Albert M. Belden attended the public schools in his early years. Before he had completed his schooling his father's death occurred. He pursued his medical studies with private tutors and at home, afterward entering the College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which he was graduated with the class of March 15, 1888. He first opened an office in Cummington, where he practised eight months, and then came to Chesterfield, where he has since resided. He has built up an extensive practice, and in the discharge of his duties has won the approbation and confidence of the entire community.

On December 25, 1888, Dr. Belden was united in marriage with Mabel Marian Bicknell, a daughter of the late Luke E. and Lucretia T. (Pierce) Bicknell, then residents of West Cummington. Her father was a soldier in the late war, having been mustered in as Lieutenant in the company of sharpshooters, and afterward promoted to the rank of Captain. Captain Bicknell was wounded in battle, and subsequently died from the effects of the wound. Mrs. Bicknell survived him, and is now living in West Cummington. One child has been born to the Doctor and his wife, Roxanna Leonard, whose birth occurred February 21, 1892.

Dr. Belden occupies a place of prominence in local affairs, and has served in many offices within the gift of his fellow-townsmen. He was for three years a member of the School Board, and is now filling the position of Health Officer. His wife succeeded him in the School Board, where she ably assists in advancing the educational interests of the town. Politically, he is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Work-

men, Chesterfield Lodge, No. 175, of West Chesterfield, of which he is also the medical examiner. Religiously, he is a consistent member of the Congregational church.

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**G**EORGE D. HANNUM, an enterprising farmer of Southampton, was born in Westfield, June 3, 1836, son of Theodore and Selemna (Stocking) Hannum. Mr. Hannum's father was born in Chesterfield, and there spent his earlier years. He subsequently conducted a hotel in Huntington, and likewise paid some attention to farming. He removed to Westfield, where he again engaged in the hotel business, and in connection therewith successfully managed a livery business. His wife died in March, 1840, and he survived her but a few months, dying January 16, 1841. They had two children, of whom the first died in infancy. The other is the subject of this sketch.

George D. Hannum, left an orphan at the age of five years, was taken charge of by his grandfather, Jaius Hannum, of Agawam, where he was reared and educated. In 1851 his grandfather removed to Southampton, settling on a farm, which he operated successfully until his demise, February 7, 1854, aged seventy-one years. Though but eighteen years old Mr. Hannum took charge of the estate, and continued to manage its affairs until 1866, when he purchased a part of the farm he now occupies. The rest of it he has since added to the original purchase, making a snug farm of sixty acres. All of it is under cultivation, and it shows many recent improvements. Mr. Hannum's operations are marked by ability and foresight, and are always successful.

On June 9, 1856, while living on the old homestead of his grandfather, Mr. Hannum was united in marriage with Eliza E. Strong,

born in this town May 9, 1837, daughter of Alpheus and Eliza Strong. Her parents were early settlers of the locality, and there spent their last years. Mr. and Mrs. Hannum had four children, as follows: Mabel, born August 2, 1858, who died July 16, 1860; Florence, born November 22, 1860, living at home; George A., born September 2, 1863, now employed in an office in Hartford, Conn.; and Clayton E., born October 22, 1865, living on the home farm, and assisting in its management. The latter is married to Julia B. Streeter; and they have one child, Iola. In politics Mr. Hannum is a supporter of the Republican party. He was Selectman from 1876 until 1884, and has been Collector of Taxes for eight years.

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**J**OHN VOGEL, a well-to-do farmer residing in Northampton, is a native of Germany and was born February 17, 1823, in Würtemberg. His father, George Vogel, was a baker; and his entire life was spent in his native land. At his death he left his widow with a number of young children.

John Vogel was deprived of his father's care at an early age, and in consequence had little time given him to attend school. When but ten years old he was employed on his uncle's farm, where he was obliged to work for many hours each day, gaining little more than a hard familiarity with farm labor. After fifteen years spent in this way he married Mary Waltz, and with her sailed for America, March 17, 1847. He landed in New York City after a voyage of thirty-seven days. After he had been in the city four days Mr. Vogel chanced to meet Mr. Porter Nutting, of Northampton, who proposed to employ him in his brickyard at ten dollars per month with board. The offer was gladly accepted. On arriving here, May 14, 1847, Mr. Vogel found himself eigh-

teen dollars in debt. This he soon paid off. He continued in Mr. Nutting's employment twenty-one years, his wages having risen from ten dollars to one hundred dollars a month, as his services became more valuable. During the last nine years of his connection with the place he superintended the large plant in the capacity of foreman.

Mr. Vogel was not only energetic and industrious, but was very sensible in his expenditures, investing his money in a cosey home, comprising a house and lot, which he bought in 1850, for seven hundred and fifty dollars. The lot contained an acre and a half. Since then he has bought twenty acres of adjoining land, and in 1874 he built his first barn. Unfortunately, this was struck by lightning, and he had to rebuild it in 1883. Besides this property Mr. Vogel has two lots of meadow land, one five and one-half acres and the other seven acres, which he farms. He keeps a few fine horses, has two cows, and a fine Jersey bull, a thoroughbred. In the caring for his land and stock he finds much pleasure as well as profit.

Mrs. Vogel departed this life September 3, 1874, aged fifty-five years, leaving two children, as follows: John, a resident of this city, married to Annie Rocky, and the father of three children, two daughters and a son; while Caroline is the wife of Edward Clark, Jr., the superintendent of the street railway, and has two children, a son and a daughter. In his political principles Mr. Vogel is perfectly independent, and in religion he is bound by no creed; while he belongs to no clan, club, or secret organization.

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**F**RANKLIN H. BRYANT, an extensive farmer and stock-raiser of Chesterfield, Mass., was born in this town March 9, 1842, son of Holly and Elmira (House)

Bryant, both natives of Chesterfield. Holly Bryant was born on December 18, 1798, in the house where his son now lives. He was a well-to-do farmer and passed his life on the estate, dying March 3, 1856. His wife, who was born February 18, 1804, died June 10, 1889, her last days being spent with her son, the subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Holly Bryant were the parents of nine children, namely: Emily, born December 6, 1826, who married Woodbridge Clapp, and died February 15, 1869, having been the mother of six children, all now deceased; Levi, born April 2, 1828, who married Julia Baker, and lives near his brother Franklin H.; Ellen E., born October 9, 1829, who married William Allen, and died October 30, 1858; Zeruah, born July 12, 1831, wife of George Rice, a resident of Minnesota, who has three children—George, Willie, and Mary; Samuel W., born April 5, 1833, who died December 5, 1844; Austin G., born March 1, 1835, who died August 10, 1859; Philetus, born January 30, 1837, who died November 24, 1865, leaving a widow, now living in Chesterfield; Henry, born July 29, 1839, who died November 2, 1849; and Franklin H., our subject.

Although Franklin H. Bryant was but fourteen years of age when his father died, he soon assumed a man's responsibilities, aiding materially about the farm and helping his brother until his majority. He then moved to another farm, where he was profitably engaged in agricultural pursuits till the death of his brother, when he returned to the parental roof and for two years was engaged in tilling the home fields. He then took charge of the whole estate, which comprises eight hundred acres, about two hundred being under cultivation, and is now the owner of the property. He carries on general farming on an extensive scale, and raises some fine stock. Diligent,



FRANKLIN H. BRYANT.



energetic, and thrifty, he has made many improvements on the farm and has richly earned the prosperity he enjoys.

On December 1, 1864, Mr. Bryant was married to Annette W., daughter of Daniel C. and Mary Ann (Wilder) Baker. Mrs. Bryant was born in Chesterfield, December 1, 1842. Mr. Baker was a native of Chesterfield, and here spent his life, engaged in farming. His wife was born in Cherry Valley, N.Y., and became a resident of Pittsfield when quite young. Both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant have three adopted children, namely: Frederick Allen, born July 12, 1871, who married Alice Flagg, of Connecticut, and resides near Mr. Bryant; William Francis, born January 15, 1878; and Fannie M., born May 15, 1881, both of whom reside with their foster-parents. Mr. Bryant has given his children the best of educational advantages, sending them to the best schools in the county.

In politics Mr. Bryant is a stanch adherent of the Republican party. He served as Selectman five years, and has also been Assessor and Overseer of the Poor. He is one of the leading citizens of Chesterfield, and has a very pleasant home, his dwelling, which is roomy and substantial, suiting well the ample grounds which surround it, and well expressing the owner's large-hearted hospitality. The accompanying portrait of Mr. Bryant will be recognized and appreciated by many friends and acquaintances.

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**E**DWIN COOK CLARK, JR., superintendent of the Northampton Street Railway Company and a highly respected citizen of Northampton, was born in Southampton in 1856, son of Captain Edwin Cook and Emily L. (Hines) Clark, the former of whom is a native of Northampton.

Allen Clark, the grandfather of Edwin Cook Clark, Jr., who was born in 1787, was likewise a native and lifelong resident of Northampton. During the active period of his life he was successfully engaged in agriculture on his farm, which was located in the section through which Harrison Avenue now runs. He died in 1849, at the age of sixty-two years. He married Miss Sophia Cook, and their union was blessed by the birth of four sons and four daughters, all of whom grew to maturity. Two are now living, namely: Captain Edwin Cook Clark, and his sister, Pamelia, widow of Heman Smith, who resides in Springfield, Mass. Mrs. Clark died seventy-four years of age.

Captain Edwin Cook Clark, who has now retired from active business life, is well known in Northampton and vicinity. He assisted his father in carrying on the farm. After four or five years spent in California and in New York City, he helped in establishing the firm of E. C. Clark & Co., in which for several years he successfully engaged in the manufacture of lumber. He was also superintendent of the Street Railway Company, in which capacity he rendered most acceptable service from 1877 up to 1888, when he was succeeded by his son. His wife, Emily L. (Hines) Clark, a native of Becket, Mass., has borne him two sons and two daughters: Ida Beebe, wife of Joseph Carhart, President of the State Normal School of St. Cloud, Minn.; Edwin C., Jr.; Mary, who married E. V. Mitchell, a grain merchant of Hartford, Conn.; and William Clark, a coal dealer in Lansingburg, N.Y.

Edwin C. Clark, Jr., received his early education in the public schools of Northampton, and completed his studies at the Mount Pleasant Private School of Amherst. He then engaged in the livery business with his father until 1882, when he secured a position as con-

ductor on the street railway. Since then he has been in the employ of that company in different capacities, from trackman up to his present position as superintendent, which he has filled since 1888. In this office he has the supervision of from one hundred and fifty to two hundred men, and the charge of seventeen miles of street tracks.

On December 5, 1877, Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Miss Mona Vogel, of Northampton, a daughter of John Vogel. They had three children, as follows: Ida Mary, who died in 1887, eight years of age; Annette Isabel, aged fourteen years, who is attending school; and Edwin Cook Clark, a lad of six years. In politics Mr. Clark is a Republican. He is esteemed for his business ability and manly characteristics.

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**A**LBERT N. GURNEY, a prominent farmer and produce dealer of Plainfield and a member of the Board of Selectmen, was born in Cummington, Mass., April 6, 1847, son of Rush and Cordelia (Joy) Gurney.

Mr. Gurney's great-grandfather, Benjamin Gurney, was a native of Abington, Mass., and settled upon a tract of wild land in Cummington in 1770. He cleared and improved the farm which W. E. Tower now owns, and resided there during the remainder of his life, which was prolonged to an advanced age. His son, Asa Gurney, Mr. Gurney's grandfather, was born in Abington in 1758, and was twelve years of age when his father moved to Cummington. He assisted in clearing the land, and resided at home until the commencement of the Revolutionary War, when he enlisted as a private in the Continental army. After his discharge he returned to Cummington, and bought his father's farm,

which he later sold. He then purchased eighty acres of land, upon which he settled, and cleared a productive farm. He erected a substantial house and other farm buildings, which have stood since 1808, and are now occupied by John W. Gurney. He received a pension of ninety-six dollars per year for his services in the war. Asa Gurney died in Cummington at a good old age. He married Polly Reed, and she became the mother of ten children: Reed, Charles, Zenus, Lydia, Charlotte, Alonzo, Rush, Betsey, Lydia (second), and Polly. She died in Cummington at an advanced age.

Rush Gurney, Mr. Gurney's father, was born in Cummington in 1804. He resided with his parents until their death. He succeeded to the ownership of the homestead; and, with the exception of a short time passed in the village, during which he leased it, he resided there until his death, on April 22, 1856. He left the farm enlarged by forty acres of adjoining land. He was an Abolitionist, casting the first antislavery vote in Cummington, and was a Methodist in his religious belief. He was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Amelia Cowen, died in 1841, aged thirty-two years, having been the mother of five children: Sarah A.; John W.; Amelia; and two others who died in infancy. Rush Gurney married for his second wife Cordelia Joy, and his children by this union were: Justus W.; James F.; and Albert N., the subject of this sketch. The mother died in 1847.

After his mother's death Albert N. Gurney, who was then but five months old, was taken in charge by his aunt, Emeline Joy, of Plainfield. She was the daughter of Leonard and Polly (Warner) Joy, who were old residents and highly respected farming people of Plainfield, owning a good farm on High

Street. It was here that Mr. Gurney was reared to manhood. When capable, he assisted on the farm; and during the declining years of his aunt and her aged parents he provided for them every comfort that could be expected. He succeeded to the ownership of the Joy farm, and has since remodelled the house, and built new barns. He keeps ten choice cows and sixty head of sheep, besides a number of horses and young stock. In 1875 Mr. Gurney engaged in handling feed, grain, and flour; and in 1880 he commenced the buying and shipping of country produce, dressed hogs, beef, etc. Both enterprises proving profitable, he continues them. He also keeps a grocery store that is doing a good business, and which he stocks by exchanging his produce for groceries. He purchased some time ago the Campbell property in Plainfield village, which he now uses for an office and business headquarters, the finest location in town. Mr. Gurney is a Republican in politics, and has been a Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for eight years, five of which he has served as chairman of the board. He has also held other town offices.

On June 7, 1868, Mr. Gurney was united in marriage to Sarah O. Dunham, to whom as a life partner Mr. Gurney largely attributes his success. She was born in Savoy, Mass., January 16, 1849, daughter of Oren and Roxanna (Stiles) Dunham, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer of that town. He died in 1887, aged eighty years; and his wife still survives, at the age of eighty-one. She is the mother of nine children: Warren, James, Ann S., Eliza M., Sarah O., Fannie L., Henry W., Augusta M., and Charles F. All but one are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Gurney have one child, named Bertha B., who was born February 3, 1870. She married Henry C. Packard, a well-to-do farmer of

Plainfield, and has two children; namely, Lillian G. and William A. Bertha B. received a common-school education, and was a successful teacher for several terms before her marriage.

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MARQUIS F. DICKINSON, a prosperous farmer and an old resident of Amherst, was born in that town, January 4, 1814, son of Walter and Lydia E. Dickinson. Mr. Dickinson's ancestors were among the early settlers of Amherst; and his great-grandfather, Nathaniel Dickinson, first located upon the present Dickinson farm, and owned a large tract of land. He died in 1806, leaving one son.

Mr. Dickinson's grandfather, Nathaniel Dickinson, was born in Amherst, September 9, 1750. He graduated from Harvard University in 1772, and was for many years the only lawyer in that part of Hampshire County. He became prominent in public affairs, was a Justice of the Peace, and for thirteen years Town Clerk. He resided with his parents, whom he assisted in managing the farm, and died at the age of fifty-two years. Nathaniel Dickinson was a Unitarian in his religious belief. He married Sarah Marsh, who was born July 20, 1753, and she became the mother of two children, namely: Susannah, who died October 8, 1836; and Walter, Mr. Dickinson's father. The mother died in 1801.

Walter Dickinson was born at the home-stead in Amherst, May 2, 1784. He was a well-to-do farmer, and always resided upon the Dickinson farm. He was independent in politics and liberal in his religious views. He died April 9, 1851. His wife, who was born in North Amherst in 1791, became the mother of ten children, as follows: Sylvester; Frederick E., who resides in Leverett, Mass.; Marquis F., the subject of this sketch; N.

Albert; Lydia E., who resides at the old homestead; Nehemiah; Leander M. and Amy S., who are now deceased; Walter M., a resident of Georgia; and Sarah M., wife of Jonathan Cowls. The mother died March 21, 1828.

Marquis F. Dickinson received his education in the public schools of Amherst, and grew to manhood at the Dickinson homestead. He engaged in the manufacture of brooms in North Hadley, following that occupation for some time during his early manhood. After a residence in North Hadley of a few years he returned to Amherst, and, in company with his brother Sylvester, built a grist-mill in that town, which they operated for some years. In 1844 he engaged in agriculture upon the farm where he now resides, built the residence, and has enjoyed a long period of prosperity. Mr. Dickinson is a Republican in politics, and was for many years actively interested in the town government. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for seven years, during which he served as chairman. He was also Assessor for several years. He is connected with the Masonic fraternity, and is the oldest member of Pacific Lodge.

On November 20, 1838, Mr. Dickinson was united in marriage to Hannah Williams. She was born in Shutesbury, Mass., November 9, 1817, only daughter of Asa and Prudence Williams. Asa Williams was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was an early settler in Shutesbury, where he followed the trade of a shoemaker. He died in Shutesbury, aged seventy-six; and his wife, who lived to the age of ninety, died at the home of her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson had ten children, namely: Jane, Mary, and Walter, who are deceased; Marquis F., born July 15, 1840, a lawyer of Boston; Sarah A., born October 8, 1848, the wife of F. L. Pope, an

electrician of Great Barrington, Mass.; Roxy E., born April 5, 1851, wife of E. Holbrook, a shoe manufacturer of Holbrook, Mass.; Asa W., born October 24, 1853, a lawyer of Jersey City, N.J.; Walter M., born April 5, 1856, a Lieutenant in the United States Army, and for the past three years military instructor at the Massachusetts Agricultural College in Amherst; Julia A., born June 7, 1859, wife of the Rev. Charles S. Nickerson, a Universalist preacher of Abington, Mass.; and Hannah F., born September 28, 1861, wife of Professor Joseph B. Lindsey, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson are the oldest married couple in their neighborhood, and have celebrated both their silver and golden weddings. Mrs. Dickinson is a member of the Congregational church.

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**D**EACON SAMUEL SMITH, a well-to-do farmer of South Amherst, was born in Middlefield, Mass., August 5, 1826, son of Samuel and Lucy (Metcalf) Smith. Mr. Smith's ancestors emigrated from England in 1634; and in the year 1700 some of them settled in East Haddam, Conn., where their descendants still reside. Mr. Smith's grandfather, who served in the Revolutionary War, became one of the early settlers of Middlefield, Mass. He was a hard-working and successful man, and died there, over eighty years old. He raised a family of six children, of whom Samuel Smith, Sr., Mr. Smith's father, was the youngest.

Samuel Smith, Sr., was born in Middlefield in 1797. He was reared to agricultural occupations, and succeeded to the ownership of his father's farm. He always resided in Middlefield, and was a prosperous farmer. In politics he was originally a Whig, but was later





WARREN E. TOWER.

identified with the Free Soil and antislavery parties. He was a member of the Baptist church. Samuel Smith, Sr., died in Middlefield, aged eighty years. His wife, Lucy Metcalf, who was born in Middlefield in 1800, became the mother of nine children, all of whom lived to maturity; and six are now living. They were: Joseph, Ann, and Edward, who are now dead; Lucy, Sarah, Samuel, John, Azariah, and Judson. The mother died at the age of fifty-nine.

Samuel Smith, Jr., commenced his education in the schools of Middlefield, and completed his studies with a year's course at the Williston Academy. At the age of twenty-two he settled upon a farm in Middlefield, consisting of one hundred and eighty acres, which he purchased entirely on credit. By diligently applying himself to the task he not only cleared it from debt in fifteen years, but also had some capital to spare. In 1867 he moved to South Amherst, and bought the farm of sixty acres where he now resides. He conducts general farming, in which he has been successful; and, although he is nearly seventy years of age, he is still actively attending to his farm duties. He has well earned the prosperity he now enjoys. Politically, he is independent, but his sympathies are with the Prohibition movement.

In 1851 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Mary Bliss. She was born in West Springfield, Mass., January 17, 1827, daughter of Hosea and Mary (Bagg) Bliss. Hosea Bliss was born in West Springfield, December 28, 1800, and married for his first wife Mary Bagg, who was born in West Springfield, April 14, 1802. She was the mother of four children, as follows: Huldah C. and Helen M., who are now dead; Malah E., wife of Noah Dickinson; and Mary M., Mr. Smith's wife. Hosea Bliss died July 23, 1869. He

attended the Congregational church. Mr. Smith's first wife died June 3, 1860. He wedded for his second wife Martha Stone, who died in February, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had three sons, namely: Hosea B., who resides in North Amherst; Percy L., a resident of the State of Wyoming; and Ernest B., who resides at home. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were members of the Baptist church, of which he has been a Deacon for over twenty years.



WARREN E. TOWER, an enterprising and thrifty farmer and one of the oldest and best-known residents of Cummington, Hampshire County, was born here on April 5, 1824. He is a son of Warren and Rhoda (Tower) Tower, and is a representative of the seventh generation in direct descent from John Tower, a native of Hingham, England, who became a resident of Hingham, Mass., in 1637. The Tower genealogy is given in the recently published history of the latter town.

Nathaniel Tower, the paternal grandfather of Warren E., was a native of Hingham, Mass. About 1780 he settled in Cummington, which was his home thereafter; and here he became a successful farmer and large land-owner. He took a prominent part in town affairs, and served as a patriot soldier in the Revolutionary War. His death occurred in 1810, at sixty-five years of age; and his wife, Leah, who was born in Hingham, November 14, 1747, died in January, 1847. They were the parents of four sons and two daughters; namely, Leah, Nathaniel, Peter, Ambrose, Roxy, and Warren.

Warren Tower, son of Nathaniel, was born in Cummington on January 9, 1789, and in his boyhood received only limited educational advantages. He learned the trade of a carpen-

ter, and followed that trade in connection with farming. After living a short time on the place that he first purchased and which is now owned by Mr. Shipman, he sold it, and purchased the B. B. Lyman farm. He had got well started in farming on this place and in his carpenter work when he was taken ill, and died on May 26, 1834, at the age of forty-five years. His wife, Rhoda Tower, was a daughter of Stephen and Anna (Bowker) Tower; and her natal day was November 26, 1795. She bore her husband two sons and four daughters, as follows: Salome, born October 9, 1817; Miriam, born January 5, 1819; Sabrina, born May 29, 1820; Elmina, born October 6, 1822; Warren E.; and Lorenzo H., born August 14, 1830. Mrs. Rhoda Tower died August 23, 1833.

Being left an orphan when but nine years old, Warren E. Tower went to live with Mr. N. Minor on a farm, and remained there for four years. He afterward made his home successively with his brother-in-law, E. T. Bartlett, and with Mr. Randall in the town of Windsor, Mass. While at the latter place, he worked at farming, and also learned the trade of a carpenter; but, having the misfortune to lose one of his eyes by an accident, he was obliged to abandon his cherished plans, and consequently turned his attention from that time forward to agriculture. At twenty-six years of age he bought a farm of one hundred acres, the same now owned by H. Porter; and, after carrying it on for two years, he sold it, and bought another, on which he lived a few years. Selling the second piece of farming property, he purchased the place where he now resides, which contains sixty acres. This estate is known as the Rev. J. Briggs home and farm, having been first occupied by the clergyman of that name, who for forty-six years ministered to the spiritual

needs of the people of Cummington as pastor of the Congregational church. One of the first churches and the largest ever erected in the town was built on this farm. The present dwelling-house, although erected over a century ago, is still in good condition. Mr. Tower has, however, made substantial improvements in all the buildings since he came into possession of the place. He keeps a dairy, and is successfully engaged in general farming.

On November 27, 1852, he was joined in matrimony to Miss Agnes L. Lyman, a daughter of Benjamin Lyman. This union was blessed by the birth of a daughter, Edith M., born April 22, 1857, who married Alfred C. Stevens, and died September 11, 1894, leaving two children, Walter L. and Clara L., another child having died in infancy. Mrs. Agnes L. Tower died in the fifty-seventh year of her age. On January 10, 1893, Mr. Tower again married, his second wife being Miss Margaret Jane Lavery, a daughter of John M. and Catherine E. (Hosier) Lavery. Her father was born on the Scottish borderland. After his marriage in England he came with his wife to America, where he followed the vocations of a gardener and a stone mason. Margaret was but three years old at the time of her mother's death. Having grown to womanhood, she became a trained nurse, and followed this profession with success until her marriage.

Mr. Tower is a Republican in political affiliation and a believer in Spiritualism. He is further represented in this volume by an excellent likeness, which appears on another page.

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**H**ENRY W. WARNER, Postmaster at Leeds and one of the substantial and progressive farmers of the district, was born in Northampton, on the farm where

he now resides, in the year 1858. The Warner's are of English extraction, the American progenitor having been William Warner, who emigrated to America in 1637, and located in the town of Ipswich, Mass., the subject of this sketch being a descendant in the eighth generation.

Solomon Warner, grandfather of Henry W. Warner, was a son of Mark Warner, and was born at Northampton Centre, in the part then called "Black Pole," in 1783. He was a practical agriculturist, and settled in 1811 on the farm of one hundred and fifty acres now owned by his grandson. The same year he erected the farm-house, and afterward from time to time he added to his tract of land until it eventually covered four hundred acres. His wife, whose maiden name was Allen, died in early life, leaving seven or eight children; one of whom was Moses Warner, the father of Henry W. He lived a widower for many years, and died in 1863.

Moses Warner was born in 1821 in the house now occupied by this son, and was engaged in agricultural work throughout his life. He married Susan Clark, a daughter of Sherman Clark, of Westhampton, their nuptials having been celebrated in 1841. Of their union three children have been born, as follows: Betsey A., who married Harry Leigh, of Connecticut, and died in March, 1887, aged thirty-three years, leaving two children; Henry W., the subject of this sketch; and Mary H., wife of George Blanchard, of Hartford, Conn.

Henry W. Warner was reared on the paternal homestead; and, after completing his education at the Northampton schools, he worked at civil engineering as a railway surveyor. He followed that occupation in New England for two years, when he returned to his childhood's home, where he has since lived. He

is a partner in the well-known firm of Hendrick, Taylor & Warner, contractors of dams, water-works, roads, etc., who do a large business, and are at present building roads for the State of Massachusetts. He has been Postmaster of Leeds for some time, and is now serving his second term.

On April 30, 1884, Mr. Warner was united in marriage with Leila Caillat, born at Wolf Creek, Ind., November 8, 1857. The ceremony was performed in Indiana. They are the parents of two children: Burt C., a boy of ten years; and Esther, eight years old. Mr. Warner is a man of prominence in social, political, and educational circles, and a leader in all enterprises tending to the advantage of his native city. He is a member of the Democratic party, has served his fellow-townsmen as Councilman for two years, and has been a member of the Board of Education for three years. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a Master Mason, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

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**R**OSENWELL HALL ALLEN, a progressive and successful farmer of Prescott and one of the oldest residents of the town, having resided there since 1828, was born in Wilbraham, Mass., March 19, 1824. His parents were Roswell and Beulah (Chapin) Allen, the former a native of East Windsor, Conn., born January 2, 1798, the latter of Enfield, Conn., born October 13, 1796. The Allen family were for many years well and favorably known in the vicinity of Windsor, Conn.

Mr. Allen's first ancestor in this country, Samuel Allen, who was born in Braintree, Essex County, England, came to America in 1632, settling first in Cambridge, Mass., and

later removing to Hartford, and then to Windsor, Conn. He died at the latter place, April 28, 1648, at the age of sixty years. The grandfather of Roswell Hall Allen, who was also named Samuel, was born in East Windsor, June 16, 1764, and there spent his life, engaged in farming. He was an industrious and competent farmer, and attained a fair degree of prosperity. A boy of eleven when the Revolution commenced, he grew to manhood in the years when the Republic was in embryo, and became an ardent patriot, ready to do all in his power to protect the infant institutions of his country. He died in East Windsor, October 11, 1841. Samuel Allen was three times married. His first wife, Mary Allen, who was the grandmother of our subject, bore seven children: Samuel (first), Mary, Samuel (second), Harvey, Roswell, Cynthia, and Laura. His second wife, who was Azuba Moody, widow of Joseph Moody, was born January 5, 1765; and his third wife's name before marriage was Hannah Gleason.

Roswell Allen, the father of Mr. Allen, left East Windsor in 1823, moving to Wilbraham, where he lived five years, engaged principally in general farming, and aided materially in the building of the old Wilbraham Academy. In 1828 he moved to Prescott, and settled in the neighborhood of his son's present residence, purchasing first seventy acres of land, and afterward adding to this until he owned quite a large tract. Progressive in his views and enterprising in his methods of procedure, he soon took a leading place in the town, and filled various public offices. He represented the district in the General Court in 1839 and 1840, and was also Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, and Assessor. His political principles were at first those of a Whig, but later those of a Demo-

crat. He was a member of the Congregational church, and on religious subjects his opinions were broad and liberal. He died April 28, 1868, in Belchertown, where the last twenty-three years of his life were spent. His wife followed him to the grave nine years later, passing away May 16, 1877. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Roswell Hall, the subject of this article, who is the eldest; Persis C., born March 9, 1826, who died July 18, 1840; Samuel, born August 14, 1828, a farmer and surveyor of Belchertown; Cornelia B. (now Mrs. Cowle), born April 11, 1831, who resides in Milton; Diantha, born August 29, 1833, wife of Robert Lyman, of Northampton; George, born February 16, 1836, who died May 9, 1857; Albert E., born February 27, 1839, a farmer in Longmeadow, Mass.; and Guy C., born April 27, 1841, a farmer in Belchertown.

Roswell Hall Allen, who was a boy of four years when his parents removed to Prescott, received his education in the schools of that town, and taught school for six terms. When twenty-two years of age, he hired out as a farm hand at twelve dollars a month, and at the end of a season of seven months had drawn but five dollars of his wages, reserving the rest to purchase land for a homestead. In this way he worked until 1852, when he made his first purchase, consisting of seventy acres, the nucleus of the farm in Prescott on which he now resides. To this he has since added, and in all he is owner of two hundred acres of good land. Mr. Allen has worked hard and long to attain the prosperity which he now enjoys; and the well-kept buildings and flourishing condition of the farm, which is one of the best in the town, silently witness to the thrift and enterprise of the owner.

Mr. Allen was twice married. The first

occasion was on April 5, 1848, when Sarah C. Hyde, of Prescott, became his wife. She was born in that town, February 18, 1825, and was a daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Child) Hyde. Andrew Hyde, who was born in Pelham, Mass., November 3, 1790, lived in Pelham when the town was new, and worked at shoemaking. He died there, December 2, 1854. His wife, who was born in Roxbury, Mass., November 23, 1795, died June 4, 1847. They were the parents of four children, namely: Sarah C., the wife of Mr. Allen; Martha A., born December 5, 1827; Andrew, born February 16, 1829; and Mary E., born December 28, 1830. An adopted son, Andrew O., who was born February 2, 1842, died in Gettysburg, July 3, 1863, during the late war. Mrs. Allen died February 10, 1861. She was the mother of the following children: George F., born December 12, 1848, a farmer in Prescott; a daughter, born February 13, 1850, who died in infancy; Calvin C., born February 21, 1851, who died thirteen months after birth; Mary E., born August 11, 1853, who died January 16, 1867; Edward H., born August 21, 1855, a farmer, who died April 6, 1893; Delia P., born December 24, 1856, who is living with her father; Sarah B., born November 7, 1858, who died February 28, 1874; and Franklin R., born August 16, 1860, a graduate of Amherst in the class of 1882, and now a lawyer by profession and District Attorney in Minnesota. Mr. Allen's second marriage took place August 28, 1861, when he was united to Melinda Shaw, of Prescott, who was born in New Salem, April 10, 1817.

Mr. Allen votes with the Republican party, and has been Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor. In religious work he is also active, and is a prominent member of the Congregational church. He and his wife,

both being over seventy years of age, are counted among the oldest residents of the town. He still engages in farm work, and in it displays remarkable activity.

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**A**USTIN HUNTER, a progressive farmer and a well-known resident of Greenwich, was born in Enfield, December 22, 1823, son of Amos and Abigail (Marsh) Hunter. Mr. Hunter's grandparents were Isaac and Catherine (Dix) Hunter, the former of whom came from Leicester, Mass., and settled upon a farm in the northern part of Enfield. He was an industrious and successful farmer, and resided in Enfield until his death, which occurred August 4, 1821. He was a Democrat in politics. His wife became the mother of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, all of whom reached maturity. She died in August, 1803.

Amos Hunter, Mr. Hunter's father, was born November 28, 1778, and in his early manhood followed the occupation of a tanner. He later engaged in agriculture in Enfield, owning a farm of one hundred acres, which he conducted prosperously. The latter years of his life were passed in Greenwich, where he died at the age of eighty-six years. His wife, Abigail Marsh before marriage, who was born June 6, 1782, became the mother of eleven children, ten of whom grew to maturity. Six are now living, namely: Paulina C., widow of Thomas Conkey, born October 3, 1804, now the oldest resident in Greenwich, residing with Mr. Hunter; Amos, who resides in Enfield; David, who occupies the old homestead in Enfield; Charles, who resides in Belchertown; Austin, the subject of this sketch; and Abbie, widow of Elisha Moody, of South Hadley. Those deceased were: Shepherd, Elbridge, Thomas, Lorency,

and Moriva. The last named died in infancy. The mother lived to the age of eighty-five years.

Austin Hunter grew to manhood in Enfield, and received his education in the schools of that town. He resided at home until he reached the age of twenty-one, when he engaged as a farm assistant with Thomas Conkey for the compensation of twelve dollars per month. He continued in this employment for some ten years, after which Mr. Conkey, in consideration of being supported by him during the rest of his life, gave him the farm, situated in the town of Prescott, where he resided until April, 1864, when he acquired his present farm in Greenwich. He has enlarged his property, which originally consisted of one hundred and sixty acres, by the addition of adjoining land; and he now owns an exceedingly productive and well-located farm of two hundred and fifty acres. He conducts general farming in a practical and progressive manner, being well acquainted with the improved methods of agriculture. His residence and other buildings, which were substantially constructed, are kept in the best of repair. In politics Mr. Hunter is a Republican, and was formerly identified with public affairs for some years. He served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and also held other official positions.

On April 20, 1859, Mr. Hunter was united in marriage to Mary L. Smith. She was born in Pelham, Mass., October 27, 1834, daughter of Job and Martha (Conkey) Smith, both of whom were natives of Pelham. Job Smith was a prosperous farmer during his entire life, and he lived to the age of sixty-four. He raised a family of four children, as follows: Mary L., who is now Mrs. Hunter; Hannah, who is now Mrs. Horr, of Pelham; Laura, now Mrs. Boynton, of Pelham; and Mehita-

ble, who became Mrs. Sanborn, and died in Westfield, December 6, 1892. The mother died aged sixty-three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter have nine children, namely: Alice M., who was born April 30, 1860; Mary, born October 31, 1861; Elmer A., born June 20, 1863; Walter L., born July 22, 1865; Myron A., born April 7, 1867; Edward M., born October 19, 1869; David M., born March 13, 1871; Harry E. and Henry E., twins, born March 23, 1877.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter are old and highly esteemed residents of Greenwich, and she is a member of the Congregational church. Mr. Hunter has lived a busy and useful life, and is passing his declining years in comparative ease and comfort.

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**F**RANCIS L. HATCH, of Huntington, a retired merchant and manufacturer, was born in Worthington, Mass., April 3, 1832, son of William and Abigail (Leonard) Hatch.

Mr. Hatch's father was a lifelong resident of Worthington, and was born in 1797. He followed the trade of a mechanic, and also engaged in agriculture with much success. He was originally a Democrat in politics, but later he joined the Whig party. In his religious opinions he was a Congregationalist, and for many years led the singing in that church in Worthington. He possessed many sterling qualities, and was highly esteemed by his fellow-towners as an intelligent and useful citizen. William Hatch was accidentally killed in November, 1843. His wife, Abigail Leonard in maidenhood, who was born in Worthington in 1802, became the mother of twelve children, as follows: Fordyce E., born in October, 1822; Almond, born April 5, 1824; Martha A., born March 14, 1826; El-

mira L., born April 5, 1828; Royal F., born April 18, 1830; Francis L., the subject of this sketch; Louisa H., born October 6, 1834; Rosalia M., born April 5, 1837; Carlos W. and Caroline A., twins, born April 19, 1839; Ellen S., born in June, 1841; and Anna S., born in May, 1844. The mother died in March, 1894, aged ninety-two years.

Francis L. Hatch began life for himself at the age of seventeen, when he took charge of the finishing department of a basket factory in Knightsville. After following that occupation for a year, he engaged in the manufacture of wooden bowls upon his own account. Failing health then caused him to suspend active labor for two years, and after his recovery he engaged in the manufacture of carriages and sleighs. In 1856 he went to New York City, where he was employed as a clerk in a hardware store for several months. He then went to Oneida, N.Y., where he established himself in the grocery business. At the expiration of a year he was again taken ill; and, disposing of his investment, he returned to Huntington. He resumed his connection with the carriage business, and continued in that employment until 1860, when he became a clerk in New York City. In 1863, in company with his brother, he purchased the business in which he was employed, and engaged in the hardware trade, dealing in stoves and tinware, etc. The firm became extensive manufacturers of shipping and milk cans, and conducted a successful business until November, 1894, when the feeble condition of his health compelled Mr. Hatch to permanently retire. Having disposed of his business in the metropolis, he once more returned to Huntington for the purpose of settling there permanently; and in February, 1895, he purchased his present farm in Norwich, where he is now engaged in farming. He was formerly

a Republican in politics, but at present votes with the Democratic party. He has been a successful business man, and is now enjoying a well-earned rest from the cares of business life.

Mr. Hatch has been three times married. His first wife, whom he wedded on March 9, 1853, was Ellen E. Randall. She was born in Huntington, March 9, 1836, and had one child, who died in infancy. She died July 29, 1856. On September 9, 1859, Mr. Hatch was united in marriage to Mary J. Coit, who was born in Huntington, October 19, 1838. She became the mother of four children, as follows: Foster L., who married Jane E. Cherry, and is engaged in mercantile business in Newark, N.J.; Frank L., who married Carrie York, and is employed in the office of the United States Express Company in Newark; Mabel W., wife of J. Vreeland Harring, a draughtsman of Newark; and Maria, who died at the age of eighteen months. The mother died March 16, 1878. Mr. Hatch then wedded Ella Hayden, who was born in Huntington, November 19, 1845. By this union he has two children; namely, Ellen A. and Jennie B. Mrs. Hatch is a member of the Dutch Reformed church of Newark, N.J.

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**F**RANK W. CARY, junior member of the firm of Kimball & Cary, dealers in coal, at Northampton, came here at the suggestion of his partner, Mayor H. A. Kimball, to engage in his present business, he and Mr. Kimball having been reared on adjoining farms, pupils in the same school, and later entering respectively into the relations of pupil and teacher. The friendship thus formed in early youth has continued without break to the present time, and has resulted in the establishment of this prosperous firm.

Mr. Cary is a native of Connecticut, born in the town of Windham in 1850, a son of Dwight and Susan (Bass) Cary.

Sanford Cary, the paternal grandfather of Frank W., was a lifelong resident of Windham, and owned a good farm. He was a Selectman of the town for many years, and also represented the district in the legislature. He died in the year 1856, leaving a substantial farm property. His wife, whose maiden name was Caroline Tracy, survived him about ten years, leaving at her death three sons and a daughter, all of whom are living except the daughter.

Dwight Cary, son of Sanford, had a thorough knowledge of agriculture, and owns one of the best-managed farms in Windham County. In 1843 he married Susan Bass, of Scotland, Conn., the daughter of the late John Bass; and they became the parents of a large family of children. Of these, four are deceased, namely: two daughters, twins, who had lived eighteen months; Sanford, who had lived five years; and Ann B., who married George E. Wood, and was forty-two years old at the time of her death, in 1890. Those living are as follows: Rosella, wife of Joseph Congdon, residing in Hampton, Conn.; Frank W., the subject of this sketch; Jane, wife of Arthur Clark, of Scotland, Conn.; George, a farmer on the old homestead; and Susan, wife of Charles Willis, of Scotland, Conn. The parents are hale and vigorous people for their years. The father has served as Selectman, and has represented his district in the legislature.

Frank W. Cary was reared to farm life, receiving a practical education, and might have taken a collegiate course had he then appreciated its importance. He, however, continued in the occupation to which he was reared until nearly thirty years old. He came to North-

ampton, May 10, 1881, to engage in the coal and wood trade, as before mentioned. The firm conducts a wholesale and retail business. Under the wise management of the partners it has become quite large and remunerative. Mr. Cary belongs to the Knights Templars, and is a valued member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a zealous supporter of the Republican party, but steadily refuses office.

Mr. Cary was united in wedlock February 10, 1875, to Effie Fuller, a native of Brooklyn, Conn., daughter of Edwin T. and Louisa (Snow) Fuller. Her mother died in 1853, aged forty-three years, having borne her husband five children, two of whom are deceased. Mr. Fuller subsequently married Sarah Parsons, who bore him two children. She has survived him, being now a resident of Plainfield, Conn., where his death occurred in May, 1894, at the venerable age of fourscore years. Mr. and Mrs. Cary have lost one infant daughter. They have three children living, namely: Irving L., nineteen years of age, a graduate of Child's Business College, and now in the Northampton Savings Bank; Edwin T., fifteen years of age; and Freddie D., nine years old. Mr. and Mrs. Cary are much esteemed for their many admirable qualities. They have a pleasant home at 154 State Street, erected in 1886, where their many friends are hospitably welcomed. In their religious belief they are members of the Congregational church.

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 RRIN E. LIVERMORE, of Northampton, a carpenter, contractor, and builder, whose portrait is now before the reader, is among the foremost men in his line of business in this part of Hampshire County. He owns and occupies the property



O. E. LIVERMORE.



at 103 West Street, which he bought in 1871, having rebuilt the house six years later in its present modern style. Mr. Livermore is a native of Berkshire County, born November 28, 1837, in Hinsdale, son of Chester Livermore. His father was born in Shutesbury, Mass., March 28, 1809, and was a son of Elijah Livermore, who was born and reared in Leicester, Mass., but afterward removed to Shutesbury, where he engaged in general farming. Grandfather Livermore reared a family of eight children, five sons and three daughters, none of whom are now living.

Chester Livermore learned the carpenter's trade when a young man, and, removing to Hinsdale, there followed carpentering for fourteen years, when he changed his occupation to farming, which he carried on in the towns of Worthington and Peru for several years. In 1835 he married Betsey Pratt, of Shutesbury, and they had a family of five children, namely: Orrin E., of Northampton; David E., an unmarried man; Adeline M., wife of Andrew S. Cook, a wood-turner, of Springfield; Frances L., wife of Edwin Skillings, of East Bridgewater, Mass.; and Marinda, who died in infancy. The father died in 1864, the mother in 1870.

Orrin E. Livermore was reared on the home farm, and, after receiving an academic education, taught school one term. In 1863 he came to Northampton, having secured work with Moses Breck, by whom he was employed nine years, after which he succeeded to his well-established business. Some of the most elegant and substantial buildings of the city have been erected by Mr. Livermore, among the principal public ones being the Hampshire County bank, McCallum's store, the Northampton Institution for Savings, Lilly Hall, the art gallery, and the annex to the main building of Smith College, and the Hat-

field and Washburn houses that are connected with the college; and among the fine residences those of Messrs. McCallum, Crook, Porter, H. A. Kimball, and Professor H. M. Tyler.

Elizabeth W. Ferguson, who became the wife of Mr. Livermore on April 3, 1861, was born in Newark, N.Y., but was reared in Hinsdale, Mass., her parents, the late Selden K. and Margaret (Stowell) Ferguson, having died in early life. She was one of three young children who were left orphans, her brothers being Myron Ferguson, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Charles Stowell, who was adopted by his uncle, Marshall Stowell, a farmer in Peru. Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Livermore two daughters and one son have passed to the brightness of the eternal life, the daughters dying in infancy, and the son, Ernest Howard, when nineteen years old. He was a young man of great promise, a fine scholar, and for one and one-half years was a clerk in the post-office, under Mr. Campbell. Although dead,

"their silent ministry  
Within our hearts has place,  
As when on earth they walked with us,  
And met us face to face."

The remaining children are: Minnie, wife of John W. Draper; Alma B., a talented young musician, pursuing her studies under Professor Greene, taking lessons in voice culture and on the piano, having developed a remarkable taste and talent for that instrument when a child of three years; and Carleton, a winning little fellow of two years.

Mr. Livermore is a public-spirited citizen of Northampton, ever evincing a genuine interest in all things pertaining to the general welfare and advancement. He is a prominent member of the Republican ranks, and has

served in the Common Council three years, having been president one year and an Alderman two years. He is a Master Mason and an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed all the chairs up to and including that of the Canton. Religiously, he is an esteemed member of the Baptist church, in which he has served as Deacon for twenty-three years, and for the past eighteen years has been superintendent of its Sunday-school.

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**A**USTIN D. BATES, a prosperous farmer and business man of Cummington, was born in that town, March 20, 1837, son of Dorrance and Hannah (Damon) Bates. Mr. Bates's great-grandparents were Nehemiah and Mehitable (Marble) Bates.

Nehemiah Bates was born in Abington, Mass., in 1740. He moved from Abington to Chesterfield, Mass., where he settled upon the farm which is now owned by H. Bates, and followed agriculture successfully until his death, which occurred at a good old age. His children were: Joel, Mehitable, Nathaniel, Ephraim, Asa, Levi, Elijah, Mehitable (second), Gersham, Solomon, and Ruth. Levi Bates, grandfather of Austin D. Bates, was born in Abington, September 9, 1771. He learned the trade of a carpenter, and settled in Cummington, upon the farm which is now occupied by P. Bates. He became a prosperous farmer, owning one hundred and thirty acres of land, and died aged thirty years. He was a Whig in politics and a Baptist in his religious creed. Levi Bates married Lorina Hersey, who was born March 5, 1775; and they had eight children, as follows: Malensa, Levi, Dorrance, Melinda, Lucinda, Lucretia, Phidelia, and Philander. The mother died April 26, 1849.

Dorrance Bates, Mr. Bates's father, was born in Cummington, January 25, 1803, and, when a young man, acquired the carpenter's trade, which he followed as an occupation. He first settled upon two acres of land, but later he purchased the adjoining property, which was known as the E. Culver homestead, consisting of one hundred acres; and here he resided until his death. He died aged forty-nine years. His wife, Hannah (Damon) Bates, who was born in 1812, became the mother of five children: Finley V.; Austin D.; Hollister, who died young; Osmyn; and Hollister, second. She died at the age of seventy-nine.

Austin D. Bates was reared to agriculture, and succeeded to the possession of the old homestead by purchasing the interests of the other heirs. At the age of eighteen he commenced teaming in a small way upon a route which included the city of Northampton and the towns of Huntington, Dalton, and Adams; and this undertaking later developed into an extensive business. He also engaged in the sale of feed, grain, flour, and fertilizer, which he buys by the carload; and in this branch of trade he has also become successful. He has added thirty acres to his farm, keeps ten choice cows, has enlarged his residence, and remodelled his other farm buildings. The property is situated near the Hillside agricultural grounds; and during the annual fair he provides dinners for a large number of people and provender for quite a number of horses. He also owns an interest in the creamery.

On November 27, 1862, Mr. Bates was united in marriage to Sarah D. Brewster, daughter of Andrew and Phœbe (Sherman) Brewster. Mr. and Mrs. Bates have one son, named Herbert A., who was born October 7, 1871, and is now in business with his father. Mr. Bates is a Republican in politics; and,

although frequently requested to serve in town offices, he has always declined, as his business requires his entire time and energy.

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DANIEL H. GOULD, a prominent resident and a Selectman of Plainfield, was born in Charlemont, Mass., November 23, 1837, son of Aaron and Lucinda (Albee) Gould. Mr. Gould's father was a native of Heath, Mass., and in his early manhood learned the trade of a blacksmith. He settled in Charlemont, where for some years he followed his trade in connection with farming. He later resided in Hawley and Buckland, having been employed at farm work in both places. He was originally a Whig in politics and later a Republican. He died at the age of eighty-one years. His wife was born in Pelham, Mass., daughter of Laban Albee. She became the mother of seven children, all of whom are now living. They are: Lemuel, Wilson, Daniel H., Gilbert A., Joanna R., Mary A., and Luther E. She died aged seventy-three years. Mr. Gould's parents were Adventists in religious belief.

Daniel H. Gould resided at home, and assisted his father in carrying on the farm until his majority, when he purchased one hundred and twelve acres of land in the town of Hawley. After conducting that farm for eight years, he sold it, and bought another, containing one hundred and seventy-five acres. This also he sold, and it is now the property of D. Ingraham. He then bought the Alford farm of one hundred and twelve acres, which he still retains. In 1885 he moved to Plainfield, and bought the place of Colonel Richards, containing seven acres of land. He also purchased L. Campbell's blacksmith shop, which he has since conducted successfully. Besides

the blacksmith business, he now manufactures and repairs wagons, sleighs, and other conveyances. More recently he bought the Hallock farm, which consists of seven acres of meadow land. Mr. Gould is a Republican in politics, and is active in public affairs. He is a Constable of Plainfield, has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for the past five years, and served on the School Committee while living in Hawley.

On March 24, 1858, Mr. Gould was united in marriage to Maria Sprague, daughter of Rufus Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Gould have two children, namely: Carrie E., born in April, 1862, who was married to John King, and died August 10, 1886, leaving one daughter, named Anna; and Clark F., born in 1864, who resides at home.

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NEWTON SMITH, an extensive dairy farmer and a lifelong resident of South Hadley Falls, was born where he now resides, December 2, 1837, son of Philip and Sarah (Smith) Smith. Mr. Smith's father was born in South Hadley Falls, and followed agriculture as an occupation all of his life. In early manhood he settled upon the farm which is now owned and occupied by his son, and resided there until his death, which occurred in 1868, at the age of seventy-two years. He was a successful farmer and a highly respected citizen. His wife, who was a native of Leverett, Mass., became the mother of three children, as follows: Sarah, who died in 1866; Newton, the subject of this sketch; and Philip Henderson, who married Frances J. Butterfield, and resided with Mr. Smith. Philip Henderson Smith was formerly an architect, and resided in the vicinity of Boston.

Newton Smith was educated in the schools

of South Hadley Falls. At an early age he commenced to assist his father upon the farm, and rapidly attained proficiency in all branches of agriculture. At the age of twenty-six he was placed in charge of the farm, and has since managed it with success. He has made numerous improvements, adding materially to the value of the property, which consists of one hundred and fifty-five acres, one hundred and fifteen acres being under perfect cultivation. He conducts one of the largest dairies in Hampshire County, keeps a herd of one hundred and twenty cattle, and eleven horses. He is the owner of three large milk routes — two in Holyoke and one in South Hadley Falls — which are the source of considerable profit.

Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics, and has served three years as a Selectman. He is a member of the Congregational church.



ORVIS F. BIGELOW, M.D., a prominent physician of Amherst, was born in Perkinsville, town of Weathersfield, Windsor County, Vt., September 1, 1835, son of Barnay and Joanna (Nichols) Bigelow. Dr. Bigelow is a descendant of John Bigelow, who was born in England in 1616, and settled in Watertown, Mass., in 1632.

Dr. Bigelow's great-grandparents were Solomon and Sarah (Newton) Bigelow, who were residents of Shrewsbury, Mass. His grandfather, Silas Bigelow, was born in Shrewsbury, December 24, 1766. He became an early settler in Perkinsville, Vt., where he followed agriculture the greater part of his life, and was classed among the most successful farmers of his day. He was a sturdy and industrious man and a useful citizen. He died in Perkinsville, aged sixty-six years.

He was a member of the Baptist church. His family of six children all grew to maturity; and of these Barnay Bigelow, Dr. Bigelow's father, was the eldest.

Deacon Barnay Bigelow was born in Perkinsville in 1794. He adopted agriculture as an occupation, which he followed successfully through life, and, after succeeding to the possession of his father's farm, resided there until his death. He was a Whig in politics, and was active in town affairs. In his religious belief he was a Baptist, and was a Deacon of that church. Barnay Bigelow died in Perkinsville in 1858. His wife, Joanna Nichols before marriage, who was born in Perkinsville in 1796, became the mother of five children, as follows: Pharcillus K., who now resides in Antioch, Cal.; Carlton B., of Springfield, Mass.; Orvis F., the subject of this sketch; Adoniram, who died aged seventy years; and Elizabeth, who died aged twenty years. The mother died in 1876.

Orvis F. Bigelow passed his boyhood in assisting his father upon the farm. He commenced his education in the schools of his native town; and at the age of eighteen he attended the New Hampton Institute in Fairfax, Vt., where he prepared for his collegiate course. He then entered the University of Vermont in Burlington, where he studied a thorough course of medicine, and graduated with the class of 1862. He began the practice of his profession the same year in Brandon, Vt.; and, after residing there for three years, he came to Amherst, where he has since conducted a large and lucrative practice.

Dr. Bigelow is at the present time the oldest medical practitioner in Amherst. He is skilful and reliable, and possesses the esteem and confidence of the general public. He is a Republican in politics.

On July 8, 1863, Dr. Bigelow was united





STEPHEN P. BAILEY.

in marriage to Mary Pingry, daughter of William M. Pingry, of Weathersfield, Vt. Dr. and Mrs. Bigelow had six children, as follows: Jessie E., born August 20, 1864; William P., born March 29, 1867; Frank B., born February 7, 1869; Lucy M., born July 14, 1872; Fred C., born June 30, 1875; and Edward Rutherford, born February 18, 1877, who died January 14, 1894. Dr. Bigelow is a member of the State and Hampshire District Medical Societies, and both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

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**S**TEPHEN P. BAILEY, a leading citizen of Greenwich, who for over seventy years has been a resident of this beautiful valley town, and up to within a few years was actively identified with its farming and lumbering interests, was born in Worcester, Mass., February 13, 1818. He is the son of Eber W. and Elizabeth (Powers) Bailey and grandson of John and Bethiah (Blackmer) Bailey, all natives of Massachusetts. His grandfather, John Bailey, settled in the northern part of Greenwich over one hundred years ago, and lived to be eighty-six years of age. A sturdy farmer, accustomed to hard labor, he was a public-spirited man, endowed with the courage of his convictions, and joined the patriot ranks at the time of the Revolution. He filled for some time the office of Sheriff. His wife, Bethiah Blackmer, who was a native of Belchertown, was an esteemed member of the Congregational church, to which he also belonged. They had but three children: Eber W.; Esther, who never married; and one child who died in infancy.

Eber W. Bailey was born in Holden, Mass., and in early manhood was a coachman in the service of the Waldorf family in Worcester,

but subsequently settled on a farm in Greenwich, devoting the rest of his life to agriculture. He was a progressive and successful man, and attained a fair degree of prosperity. In political matters he took an active interest, and was first a Whig, then an ardent Free Soiler, and later a Republican. He was a church member also, belonging to the Congregational Society of the town. He died in 1865, at the age of seventy-five. His wife, who was a native of Prescott, Mass., died in her seventieth year, in December, 1856. They had five children, all of whom grew to maturity, and two of whom are now living: Stephen P., the subject of this sketch; and Sophronia R., wife of T. P. Root, of Barre, Mass. Those who died were named respectively: Eber O., Adaline E., and Mary A.

Stephen P. Bailey was six years of age when his parents removed to Greenwich. He received a good common-school education, and on starting to earn a livelihood gave his attention to farming, buying his first land in Greenwich many years ago. He subsequently was engaged in the lumber business, manufacturing all kinds of building material and also box lumber, and for thirty years was a leader in that industry. Within a few years he retired from active business pursuits, and is now engaged in looking after his extensive real estate interests, owning to-day more land than any other man in the town, and being the largest tax-payer.

The town of Greenwich, of which Mr. Bailey is so prominent a citizen, and whose prosperity he has done much to promote, is one of the most beautiful parts of the county. It contains two villages, Greenwich and Greenwich Plains. Among the most prominent and picturesque features of the landscape are the twin peaks, Mount Lizzie and Mount Pomeroy, both rising abruptly from a

level plain, imperishable monuments of the mighty forces of nature. Both have their Indian traditions, as romantic and poetical as those which envelop the ruined castles and ancient battle-fields of the Old World. Miniature lakes of great beauty, whose banks are dotted with cosey summer cottages, reflect from their placid waters the ever-changing glories of flying cloud and deep ethereal blue. Such scenes of rural quiet could not remain long hidden from weary toilers in search of rest and recreation, and accordingly ample accommodations for the temporal and spiritual comfort of summer visitors may be found in the well-kept and commodious hotels — one in each village — and in the different denominational places of worship; and good schools, also, are not lacking for the benefit of the younger generation of the native inhabitants. The fact that the town is out of debt and has a surplus in the treasury is convincing proof of good financial management on the part of its leading citizens; and the good roads and bridges and other useful and necessary public works show that they are men of enterprise and action, and are worthily representative of the best New England traditions.

June 24, 1852, Mr. Bailey was united in marriage with Lydia A. Haskell, a native of New Salem, who died October 4, 1857; and on April 23, 1863, he was married to his second wife, Mrs. Abbie L. (Snow) Wetherell, a native of West Brookfield. After a wedded life of thirty-one years Mrs. Abbie L. Bailey was called to her long rest, August 14, 1894. Mr. Bailey has no children. He is a stanch Republican, and takes an active interest in the public welfare. In the legislature of 1880 he represented the Fifth Hampshire District, which includes Enfield, Belchertown, Ware, Greenwich, and Granby; and he has served for some years as Selectman of

Greenwich. He aided financially in the building of the Athol & Enfield Railroad. Mr. Bailey is very active for a man of his age, and is still a leader in the public affairs of Greenwich Village, where he has resided since 1852. On the subject of religion his views are liberal.

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**H**ENRY S. SHIPMAN, a general merchant of Hadley, was born in that town, November 18, 1851, son of William S. and Catherine (Gaylord) Shipman. Mr. Shipman's grandparents were William and Betsey (Smith) Shipman, both of whom were natives of Hadley, where they passed their entire lives.

William S. Shipman, Mr. Shipman's father, was born in Hadley, November 28, 1812. In early manhood he engaged in the manufacture of brooms, later giving his attention to farming and the cultivation of tobacco. He finally established himself in mercantile business in Hadley, and followed that successfully for the remainder of his life. He became prominent in public affairs, and was elected Town Treasurer in 1853, Town Clerk in 1854, and Postmaster in July, 1867, and satisfactorily attended to the duties of these offices until his death, which occurred November 26, 1881. William S. Shipman's wife, who was born in Hadley, December 5, 1814, was a daughter of Israel G. and Susan (Smith) Gaylord. Her parents were natives of Hadley, where they resided until their death. Mrs. William S. Shipman became the mother of four children, as follows: James A., who died January 23, 1841; William N., who died February 13, 1872; Charles E., a merchant of Northampton; and Henry S., the subject of this sketch.

Henry S. Shipman was educated in the

schools of Hadley, and resided with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-one, when he commenced life for himself. He engaged in agriculture, which he continued to follow until his father's death. Since 1881 he has conducted the business formerly carried on by his father—that of a general country merchant—and has been very successful. He is a Republican in politics, is a Justice of the Peace, was Postmaster from 1881 until 1893, and was elected Town Clerk and Treasurer in the same year, which last two offices he still holds. Mr. Shipman was initiated in the Masonic Order at Northampton in 1884. Mrs. Shipman is a member of the Congregational church.

On November 18, 1872, Mr. Shipman was united in marriage to Jennie W. Morton, who was born in Hadley, August 5, 1855, daughter of the Hon. John A. and Sophronia (Thayer) Morton. John A. Morton was a native of Ware, came to Hadley at an early day, and resided in that town until his death. He became one of the largest farmers in Hampshire County, and represented his district in the legislature during the years 1845 and 1846, and died December 27, 1878. His wife, who was a native of Enfield, Mass., died in Hadley, November 20, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Shipman had three children, namely: William A., born March 27, 1874, who died September 2 of the same year; Mabel L., born January 6, 1876, now a school-teacher in Hadley; and Grace N., born January 7, 1883.

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**G**EORGE G. HITCHCOCK, M.D., a leading physician of the homœopathic school of medicine, residing at South Hadley Falls, has an extensive practice in this village and in the town of Holyoke. He began his professional career in

this place in 1870, and during his many years of successful experience has won the confidence and respect of the community and the patronage of the best class of people. He was born February 22, 1845, in the town of Farmington, Conn., being a son of Rufus Augustus and Mary Ann (Goodwin) Hitchcock.

Rufus A. Hitchcock was a native of Cheshire, Conn., born November 2, 1812, and in his early days was a clock-maker by trade, following that vocation until thirty-five years of age, his place of business and his residence being located at Terryville. He subsequently purchased land in Unionville, and there tilled the soil during his remaining years, dying on April 16, 1886. His first wife, Mary A. Goodwin, was born December 15, 1822, in Harwinton, Conn., and there reared. She bore her husband four children: William Augustus, Dexter, George G., and Mary. William A. served in the late Rebellion for three consecutive years, belonging to the Sixteenth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry; and, being captured at the battle of the Wilderness, he was taken to Andersonville Prison, where he soon after died. Dexter, who married Miss Adele Brockway, of Norwalk, Conn., is there successfully engaged in the practice of medicine; he is likewise interested in a brick business at Calhoun, N.Y. Mary, the youngest child, received a severe injury from which she has never recovered, and is now under treatment at an asylum. After the death of his first wife, on August 29, 1875, the father was married in West Springfield to Mrs. Eliza (Doolittle) Baley, a native of Cheshire, Conn., and now a resident of Meriden, Conn.

George G. Hitchcock as a lad was very fond of his books, and after leaving the public schools was sent to a business college in New Haven, whence he went to Suffield, where he pursued his studies at the Connecticut Literary

Institute for three years. Returning to the place of his nativity he began the study of medicine with Dr. William Sage, now of New Haven, being under his instruction for three years, and then going to New York City took a complete course of study at the Homœopathic College, where he was graduated in the class of 1870. Coming at once to Hampshire County, Dr. Hitchcock settled at South Hadley Falls, and has since devoted himself untiringly to the duties of his profession. He is said to have the largest practice of any physician at the Falls.

On September 2, 1870, soon after coming to South Hadley Falls, Dr. Hitchcock was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth M. Weller, daughter of Royal M. and Malvina (Penney) Weller, of Watertown, Conn. Their home has been brightened by the birth of two children, namely: Florence Weller Hitchcock, born October 10, 1875; and Bessie Adele Hitchcock, born October 10, 1878. Mr. Weller moved to East Granby, Conn., after the death of his first wife, Mrs. Hitchcock's mother; and there he married again. The Doctor is a stanch Republican in politics, and both he and Mrs. Hitchcock are esteemed members of the Congregational church. They have a pleasant and attractive home, and entertain their many friends with genuine hospitality.

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**H**ORACE HAUNTON, a prominent citizen of Westhampton, and in charge of the Loudville grist-mill, was born in County Norfolk, England, December 13, 1850, son of Thomas and Miriam (Ellis) Haunton, both natives of the same county. Thomas Haunton, who was a shoemaker, worked at his trade up to the time of his death in 1872. His wife lived through seventeen years of widowhood, passing away in

1889. They had a large family—fifteen children—five of whom died in infancy. The others were named: Miriam, Fannie, Thomas, Sarah, Ellen, Hermon, Tabor, Charles, Horace, and Horeb.

Horace Haunton received his education in the national schools of England, and at sixteen started to earn a livelihood in a paper-mill. At the end of two years he obtained employment in the chemical works at Thetford, where he remained four years. He had a brother-in-law living in America, from whom he heard good accounts of the country; and in 1872 he sailed for the United States, taking passage on the "James Foster, Jr." The voyage occupied five tedious weeks, and Mr. Haunton was well pleased at the end of that time to find himself in the city of New York. He went direct to Loudville and obtained work in a paper-mill owned by Caleb Loud, remaining three years. In 1875 he went to Georgetown, Province of Ontario, Canada, and, obtaining work in the government mills under the charge of William Barber & Brothers, paper manufacturers, remained something over four years. He returned to Loudville in 1880, and again entered the employ of Mr. Loud. Nine years after he was made superintendent of the mill then owned by Buchanan & Bolt. Subsequently he was given charge of the Loudville grist-mill, which he has conducted for two years, making many important repairs. He is also to some extent engaged in farming.

In 1875 Mr. Haunton was married to Mary J. Clark, a native of Unionville, Conn. Her father, Kenas Clark, sacrificed his life on the altar of patriotism, having been killed in the Civil War. Mrs. Haunton died May 3, 1888, leaving four children, namely: Hermon Victor, now in Easthampton; Percy Claude, Charles Kenas, and Mattie Ellen, at home with their father. On December 3, 1890, Mr.

Haunton was again married, taking for his wife Susan E., daughter of Franklin and Dorcas Strong, of Westhampton. Mr. and Mrs. Strong are both deceased. Mr. Haunton is a naturalized citizen and a zealous Republican. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., belonging to Ionic Lodge of Easthampton. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist, and attends the church in Westhampton, in which he leads the choir. While a strong business man, Mr. Haunton appreciates the refinements of life. He is especially a lover of music, as his office in the church choir indicates; and he is always a willing assistant, when not too inconvenient, in any musical project in need of his services.

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**H**ENRY M. MCLOUD, a prominent business man of Amherst, who acts as insurance agent, real estate broker, and notary public, was born in that town September 22, 1838, son of Lewis and Minerva (Slate) McCloud, both natives of Franklin County, Massachusetts. The McClouds are of Scotch origin. Mr. McCloud's grandfather, Charles McCloud, who was a native of New Hampshire, was an early settler in Rowe, Mass., where he was engaged in farming up to the time of his death. He was an industrious and successful man, and, though he worked early and late, lived to an advanced age. He was the father of a large family, one of whom, Mrs. Louie Brown, of Colerain, is yet living.

Lewis McCloud, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Rowe, March 24, 1805. He also was a farmer, and in 1835 purchased a farm in North Amherst, on which he spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1884; and his wife, who was born in Bernardston, May 18, 1809, died in 1891. Polit-

ically, Lewis McCloud was a Republican. He and his wife were both members of the Congregational church. They reared four sons, namely: Milton L., a carpenter in Northampton; Brooks U., a carpenter in Charlemont; Leroy J., a wire-maker in Northampton; and Henry M., who is the youngest.

Henry M. McCloud grew to manhood in Amherst, receiving his education in the public schools of that town. When sixteen years of age he entered the office of the *Springfield Republican*, where he learned the printer's trade, becoming familiar with all the practical branches of the business. He was for twenty-five years engaged as a printer and publisher, producing first-class work and earning a fair competency. He published the *Amherst Record*, a bright and newsy paper, from 1867 to 1879, disposing of his printing business in the latter year, and taking up his present occupation in 1880. In addition to his other business he looks up pension claims, attends to the settling of estates, and for ten years has been a Justice of the Peace. Mr. McCloud is a veteran of the war, having enlisted December 12, 1861, as a member of Company H, Twelfth Connecticut Volunteers, under command of Captain Joseph Toy. He was a participant in some of the principal engagements, which included the siege of Port Hudson, the battles of Cain River, Mansfield, Georgia Landing, Atchafalaya River, Bisland, Centreville, and the capture of New Orleans. In September, 1863, he was promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant and transferred to Company B, Ninety-ninth United States Colored Infantry; and on October 1, 1864, he was honorably discharged.

On June 24, 1865, Mr. McCloud was married to Sarah A., daughter of Dr. Elijah W. Carpenter, of Bernardston. They have one son, Albert C., born in Amherst, May 24,

1870, who is associated in business with his father, and is married to Edna A. Carter. Henry M. McCloud votes the Republican ticket. In religious belief he is an Episcopalian. He is esteemed for his good judgment and business ability and for his strict integrity. In addition to his other offices of trust he holds the position of Trustee of the Smith Charities Institution of Northampton.

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**I**RA A. GUILFORD, a well-known business man of Northampton, Hampshire County, a member of the firm of Guilford & Wood, horse dealers, was born in Conway, Franklin County, Mass., October 24, 1847, son of Walter and Minerva (Amsden) Guilford. Both his grandfather, Walter Guilford, Sr., and his father were natives of Ashfield, the latter born in 1818. The family name of his paternal grandmother was Burnett. His father was a farmer by occupation. He died in 1872, at the age of fifty-four. His wife, Minerva Amsden Guilford, died in 1874, her span of life also embracing fifty-four years. They were the parents of seven children, six of whom reached maturity. The eldest, Manley Guilford, offered up his young life on the altar of his country, dying in the army of a disease contracted in camp at the age of twenty-two. The others may here be briefly designated as follows: Minerva is the wife of Frank Warren, of Boston; Ira A. is the subject of this sketch, further mentioned below; Julius S. died in Ashfield, leaving a wife and two children; Alice was drowned when a child a little over two years of age; Arthur is a hotel-keeper at Conway, Mass.; Ralph M. resides in Northampton.

Ira A. Guilford was reared to farm life. He attended the district schools, and acquired a fair education, working for his parents on

the home farm until twenty-one years of age, when his father agreed to give him forty dollars a month. He was engaged in various work until November, 1886, when he formed a partnership with Frank J. Wood, of Shelburne Falls, and established a market for horses at Northampton Centre, under the firm name of Guilford & Wood. Their enterprise has prospered; and they are doing quite an extensive business, trading largely in Western and Canadian horses, buying principally in Michigan and Illinois, and bearing a wide reputation for fair dealing. They usually import in this way about thirty carloads per year, carefully selected, their average annual sales amounting to one thousand horses.

On Christmas Day, 1871, Mr. Guilford was united in marriage with Ella Brown, of Conway, daughter of L. T. and Martha (Shippie) Brown. The one son who blessed their union passed away in infancy. Mr. Guilford is independent in political matters, using his own judgment in voting for the best men and measures. Socially, he is an advanced member of the Masonic fraternity, being a prominent Sir Knight.

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**E**DWARD CLARK POTTER, a prominent resident of Enfield and one of America's most noted sculptors, was born in New London, Conn., November 26, 1857, son of Nathan D. and Mary (Clark) Potter, respectively natives of Warren, Mass., and South Hadley.

Nathan D. Potter was a pioneer of the town of Hancock, Mich. He was distinguished for his energy and perseverance, and died in Enfield in 1879. His wife became the mother of two children, namely: Clara J., who is now the wife of Charles C. Hopkins, of Lansing, Mich.; and Edward Clark Potter, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Nathan D. Potter, who

still survives, is now residing with her son in Enfield.

Edward Clark Potter prepared for his collegiate course at the Williston Seminary, and subsequently became a student at Amherst College. In 1880 he commenced his art studies at the Boston School of the Fine Arts, and later continued them with D. C. French, of Concord, Mass. He has also had the advantage of European study, under such masters as Mercié and Frémiet, of Paris. His knowledge of arts has been greatly enhanced by much experience and observation while visiting the principal art centres. His first notable achievement was a bust of the Rev. Dorus Clark, which he completed in 1882. Among his succeeding works was a sleeping fawn with rabbit, completed in 1888, which is now in the Art Institute in Chicago. His bust of President Wheeler, which he executed for the Senate Chamber in Washington, was finished in 1889. In collaboration with Mr. French, his old master, he executed the large horses, bulls, and quadriga which ornamented the grounds of the World's Fair in Chicago, together with other fine specimens of sculpture which were seen at the great exposition. He seems to particularly excel in the delineation of large animal figures. He has already completed the horse which is to form a part of the equestrian statue of General Grant, to be placed in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, the statue proper of the General being now in process of completion by Mr. French. This figure, which was commenced in 1893, Mr. Potter considers to be his finest achievement. His latest work is a bronze statue of Robert Fulton, which is to ornament the new Congressional Library in Washington. His works have successfully withstood the crucial test of able, critical judgment; and they are in the first rank of American art.

On December 31, 1890, Mr. Potter was united in marriage to May Dumont, at Washington, D.C.; and they have two children: Nathan D. and Hazel D. He is a Congregationalist in his religious belief and a Republican in politics.

Mr. Potter is still young and ambitious, and it is certain that under his pure conception and skilful technique American art will rise to a still higher standard of perfection.

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**A**SA DICKINSON, a thorough farmer and respected citizen of Amherst, was born in that town on February 24, 1809, son of Asa and Salome (Hastings) Dickinson.

His grandfather, Nathan Dickinson, came to Amherst from Hatfield, settling in the eastern part of the town. At that time there were few inhabitants, and the larger part of the town was covered with forests of primitive growth. Though settling in a new country, where the conditions demanded a great deal of labor and hardship, he nevertheless lived to a good age. He was the father of a large family of children. His son, Asa Dickinson, was reared to the business of a farmer, but was never a man of much physical strength. He died of consumption at sixty-three years of age, and his wife lived to be seventy-six years old. Their union was blessed by the birth of three children, of whom but one, Asa Dickinson, is now living. The others were: Friend Dickinson, who was born April 6, 1806, and died November 22, 1851; and Noble Dickinson, born December 14, 1807, who died October 27, 1887.

Asa Dickinson was but fifteen years of age at his father's death. After that event he assisted his mother in running the farm, and later on he purchased the old home with its

forty acres of land. To this he has since added, so that he now has a farm of one hundred and fifty acres. Intelligent industry has brought him success, and to-day he has an excellent farm and a desirable residence. At the present time the farm work is performed by his two younger sons, who carry on general operations.

On January 20, 1841, he was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Sprout, of Hardwick, Mass., where her birth occurred on May 24, 1809. Three sons and a daughter have been born to them in the following order, namely: Edwin H., born September 10, 1843, who lives in Pennsylvania; Albert S., born December 22, 1845, residing on the home farm in Amherst; William A., who was born November 19, 1849, also living at the farm; and Emma L., born August 23, 1855, who is the wife of Fred Dickinson, and resides in Amherst. Their mother died on April 2, 1890.

Mr. Dickinson's politics are independent. His religious views are liberal. His wife was a member of the Congregational church. Though well advanced in years, being one of the oldest citizens of Amherst, Mr. Dickinson still retains a good amount of mental vigor and bodily activity.

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JAIRUS E. CLARK, Sheriff of Hampshire County, was born at Southampton, May 8, 1835. His father, Strong Clark, was born in the same town in 1801; and his grandfather, Noah Clark, a native of either Southampton or Northampton, was born December 1, 1762. He was an extensive and successful farmer, owning a farm of over four hundred acres of land situated at the foot of Montgomery Mountain. On February 5, 1786, he married Eunice Strong, whose birth

occurred in 1764. They reared a family of nine children, one daughter having died young. Those who grew to maturity became heads of families, most of them settling in New England. Noah Clark died in 1844, at the age of eighty-two, and his wife in 1853, aged eighty-nine years.

Sheriff Clark's father was also a very prosperous farmer and a prominent man in public affairs, being a Selectman for several years and a Representative to the General Court during the sessions of 1846 and 1847. He was known as an industrious and prudent man, but exceedingly benevolent, bestowing generously the fruits of his labor upon the needy and unfortunate. A sincere Christian, gifted in prayer, he was a consistent member of the Congregational church. His wife, Roena Searle, of Chester, whom he married in the month of December, 1823, became the mother of two sons, Joseph S. and Jairus E. The former was a merchant of Westfield, where he died at the age of seventy-one years, leaving a widow and one son. Mr. Clark's mother still survives at the age of ninety-two years, bright and active mentally, though suffering from lameness which is the result of an accident. She resides at Southampton, where her sister, Mrs. Rachel Edwards, died at the advanced age of ninety-six. Mrs. Roena Searle Clark is the youngest of eight children born to her parents, Zenas and Rachel (Bates) Searle, four of whom died in the short space of four days, of scarlet fever. Two sons and two daughters lived to reach maturity, and Mrs. Clark is now the only survivor.

Jairus E. Clark received a good education in the public schools of his native town, and at the Sheldon Academy. He continued to reside at home, assisting his father upon the farm and also conducting a profitable lumber business until 1868, when he engaged in the



JAIRUS E. CLARK.



meat business at Easthampton, which he carried on with satisfactory results for a period of seven years. He next became station agent of the New Haven Railroad, a position which he held for twelve years; and during that time he was elected High Sheriff of Hampshire County, having previously served as a Deputy. He is now (November, 1895) serving his twelfth year in office, and has recently been re-elected by the vote of both the Republican and Democratic parties, to serve a fifth term of three years, a fact showing the public appreciation of the ability and faithfulness with which he has discharged his trusts.

On October 1, 1856, Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Miss Almanza M. Hubbard, of Southampton, who had been a school-teacher. Mrs. Clark's father, David C. Hubbard, died early in life; and her mother became the wife of Seth Bartlett. Mr. and Mrs. Clark became the parents of three children, but have been called to part with two of them: Myron W., who died at the age of twenty-one months; and Eugene B., at the age of five years. Their only surviving child, Gertrude A. Clark, is a bright and promising student at Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, Mass. Mr. Clark is well advanced in Masonry, being a member of the Mystic Shrine, and, although a Republican in politics, owes his election, as before mentioned, to both the great parties, which united in his support. He has also served as a Selectman at Southampton, as Chief of the fire department, and chairman of the Town Hall Committee at Easthampton, and is a Director of the Hampshire County National Bank of Northampton and a Trustee of the old savings bank at Easthampton.

The portrait of Sheriff Clark shown in connection with this brief record of his career to date may well call to mind the poet's delineation of the ideal citizen in power, who

"fixes good on good alone, and owes  
To virtue every triumph that he knows;  
Who, if he rise to station of command,  
Rises by open means, . . .  
Who comprehends his trust, and to the same  
Keeps faithful with a singleness of aim."

**R**ODOLPHUS C. CLARK, a well-known farmer of Prescott, was born in Rutland, Vt., December 18, 1832, son of Elijah and Zeviah (Weston) Clark. Mr. Clark's grandfather, Asahel Clark, was one of the first settlers in Belchertown. He owned a large tract of land, upon which he followed agriculture successfully, and was a prominent man. He died in Belchertown at the age of ninety years. His family consisted of twelve children, eleven of whom, five sons and six daughters, reached maturity. Of these, Elijah, Mr. Clark's father, was the youngest.

Elijah Clark was born in Belchertown and reared to an agricultural life, in which he continued for the active period of his life. He owned several farms. The greater portion of his life was passed in Belchertown, and he died at the age of eighty years. In religion he was a Baptist, while he was a Democrat in politics. His wife, Zeviah (Weston) Clark, who was born in Willington, Tolland County, Conn., became the mother of ten children. Five of these are living, namely: Rodolphus C., the subject of this sketch; John, a resident of Springfield; Elmina, wife of Rodolphus Cooley, of Springfield; Maria, widow of Rodolphus Converse, of Springfield; and Sophia King, widow of Captain King, now residing in San Francisco, Cal. Those deceased were: Weston E. and Orlando M., both of whom died in the Civil War; Elbridge, who died in Boston; Zeviah; and Mary Ann. The mother died comparatively young.

Rodolphus C. Clark passed his boyhood and youth in Ludlow and neighboring towns. At the age of eight years he went to live with Dr. W. Alden in Ludlow, with whom he remained eight years. He then engaged in peddling tinware and stoves, an occupation which he followed for ten years. He next busied himself in various pursuits, and during the Civil War became a government contractor, in which capacity he furnished the War Department with twenty-five hundred horses. He then turned his attention to lumbering, and while in that business contracted to furnish the Boston & Albany Railroad Company with a large amount of material. He has been an exceedingly active and busy man, and his various enterprises have all terminated successfully. In 1882 he purchased the farm where he now resides, which consists of one hundred and twenty acres, on which he is engaged in general farming, making a specialty of raising hay, grain, and fruits. His substantial residence, which is pleasantly situated, was erected by him; and he also owns real estate in other towns. He is a Democrat in politics and liberal in his views of religious differences.

On June 28, 1860, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Lorinda P. Hubbard, who was born in Ludlow, December 11, 1837, daughter of John P. and Harriet M. (Parsons) Hubbard, neither of whom is now living. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have three children, as follows: Minnie L., who resides at home; Mattie Howry, a resident of Prescott; and Mabel H., wife of Fred B. Purdy, of Belchertown.



ASHINGTON I. RICE, an enterprising and progressive farmer of Chesterfield, was born there June 4, 1833, son of Lyman and Miranda (Taylor)

Rice, both natives of the town. His paternal grandfather, Alvin Rice, was an early settler.

Lyman Rice was a blacksmith by trade, and in connection with this industry also carried on general farming, being an active worker until his demise, in April, 1870. His wife survived him until January, 1883, when she died on the old homestead. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Samuel Davis and another child, both of whom died in infancy; Samuel Davis, second, engaged in farming in Champaign County, Ill.; George T., a resident of Rice, Benton County, Minn.; Washington I., the subject of this sketch; Louisa L., wife of H. Bisbee, of Chesterfield; and Amasa C., who died when but two years of age.

Washington I. Rice ended his school life at the Westfield Academy. At the age of twenty-one years he assumed the management of the home farm, leaving his father to devote his entire time to his trade. On the death of his parents Mr. Rice bought the interest of the remaining heirs in the homestead property, which he has since conducted with the same success that characterized his previous management. The farm includes two hundred acres of land, which, under his efficient management, yields profitable harvests of corn, hay, and fruit.

Mr. Rice was united in marriage December 20, 1870, to Mrs. Martha S. (Sampson) Boulls, a daughter of Abner Sampson, formerly engaged in farming in the town of Chester, of which he was a lifelong resident. Of her union with Mr. Boulls Mrs. Rice had one child, Cora E., who married J. L. Clark, of Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Rice is active in both social and political life. He is a staunch member of the Republican party. He has been a Selectman for nineteen years, for fifteen of them serving as chairman of the

board. He has also been Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.

GEORGE W. COTTRELL, a resident of Middlefield since his early youth, was born in Hinsdale, Mass., on March 15, 1856, son of George W. and Angie M. (Dyer) Cottrell. His parents were George W. and Angie M. (Dyer) Cottrell. George W. Cottrell was a native of Worthington, Mass., where his birth occurred August 31, 1830. He spent his life in farming, which, while involving an almost unceasing round of toil, still allows to its followers a freedom and independence not found in many other occupations. In 1861 he removed to Middlefield, where he purchased a farm, on which he resided during the remaining years of his life. He died there on June 23, 1883. His wife, who was born in Plainfield, Mass., October 4, 1831, is still living. They had four children, as follows: George W.; Mary, the wife of Herbert H. Prentice, a successful agriculturist residing in Middlefield; Carrie, who married King Phillips, and now lives in Peru, Mass., where her husband is profitably engaged in farming; and John, who died at twenty-one years of age. All the children enjoyed the advantages of a common-school education. Mr. Cottrell was a Republican in politics. He also took a keen interest in the affairs of his town, which he served as Selectman; and he was at one time a member of the School Board. He and his wife were both members of the Congregational church at Middlefield.

George W. Cottrell was but five years of age when his parents settled in Middlefield. He remained at home until he was twenty-three years of age, when he established himself as a farmer. His efforts turned out

prosperously. Beginning in moderate circumstances, his business ability and prudence have since acquired for him a comfortable competence. Besides his general farming and dairying there is an excellent sugar maple orchard on his farm, which yields him yearly about four thousand pounds of choice maple sugar, for which he finds a ready market in Hartford, Conn. He is one of the largest maple sugar manufacturers of the town.

On May 8, 1879, Mr. Cottrell was married to Miss Elsie Wright, who was born August 19, 1855, and is a native of Middlefield, where her life has been spent. She is a daughter of Charles and Sallie (Smith) Wright. Four children have come to brighten their home, as follows: Mary Addie, born on St. Valentine's Day, February 14, 1881; Frank Arthur, born August 8, 1882; Sarah Elsie, born March 7, 1884; and John W., born November 20, 1888, who died July 1, 1892.

In politics Mr. Cottrell supports the Republican party, to which he has ever been loyal. Besides attending to his agricultural labors, he finds time to give due attention to such interests of the town as his fellow-citizens have intrusted to his care. At the present time he is serving as Selectman, and has been chairman of that board for two years. He has also been a member of the School Board for several years. Mr. Cottrell and his wife attend church at Middlefield, where both are well known and respected.

EDWIN D. MARSH, a resident of Amherst and a dealer in carpets, furniture, and upholstery, was born in Chicopee, Mass., on Washington's Birthday in 1845, son of Merrick M. and Louisa (Bartlett) Marsh.

His grandfather, Rufus Marsh, who was a native of Rome, N.Y., resided in Franklin County, Massachusetts. During the greater part of his life he followed the trade of a carpenter, and also successfully operated a saw-mill and a grist-mill. He was a man of industrious habits and a respected citizen of his town. He died in Whately, Mass., fifty-two years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Camilla Church, bore him eleven children. The seven now living are: Norman C., Electa, Amoretta, Merrick M., Edwin D., Brigham, and Sabra. The mother was seventy-two years of age at the time of her death. Both parents were Episcopalians in their religious belief, and in politics he was a Democrat.

Merrick M. Marsh, who was born in Erving, Mass., January 14, 1822, came to Amherst when but sixteen years of age to learn the trade of a cabinet-maker with the firm of McKinney & Bangs. Several years later, about 1844, he went to Brattleboro, Vt., for a brief time, and thence to Enfield, Mass. After a short interval spent in other places he finally returned in 1846 to Amherst, and has since resided in that place. In 1838 he engaged in business for himself as a cabinet-maker; and, with the exception of about two years, he followed it continuously until he retired from active participation in a mercantile life. After 1860 the business was conducted under the firm name of Marsh & Young for a number of years. His son, who afterward entered into partnership with him, when the father retired took full control of the business. His wife, Louisa Bartlett before marriage, who was born in Leverett, Mass., on October 30, 1822, bore him two sons: Edwin D. and Charles D. The latter died in childhood. Mr. Marsh and his wife are members of the Episcopal church, and in politics he is a Democrat.

Edwin D. Marsh received a good practical education in the common schools of Amherst. When fifteen years of age, he entered the hardware store of William Kellogg as clerk; and, after remaining with him two years, he worked a year for George Cutler. He next went to Springfield, Mass., where he was employed for three years. The four years following were spent in different places in the West. In 1869 he returned to Amherst, and, as already stated, was taken into partnership by his father, succeeding to the business in 1883. He still conducts the store, carrying a large stock of furniture, carpets, upholstery, and draperies. He is also engaged in the undertaking business. On February 22, 1871, his twenty-sixth birthday, he was united in marriage with Miss Cornelia G. Strickland, who was born in Lee, Mass. Their union has been blessed by the birth of a daughter, Nellie L. Marsh, who lives with her parents.

In politics Mr. Marsh is a Democrat. He has always taken a keen interest in his town, and has served most acceptably as Secretary of the Association for Village Improvement and Treasurer of the Amherst Cemetery Association. He is an attendant of the Congregational church, of which his wife is a member; and both are highly esteemed by all who know them.

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**H**ENRY S. ALLEN, a prosperous farmer of Pelham, was born in Belchertown, Mass., January 10, 1867, son of Baxter and Esther (Newell) Allen. Mr. Allen's grandfather, Amasa Allen, was a native and a lifelong resident of Belchertown, where he followed agriculture successfully, and died in 1891. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a Republican in politics. He married

Alice Sherman, and she became the mother of two sons, as follows: Henry D., who now resides in West Pelham; and Baxter, Mr. Allen's father. The mother died in Belchertown at an advanced age.

Baxter Allen was born in Belchertown, and was reared to an agricultural life. He moved from Belchertown to Pelham, settled upon the farm where his son Henry S. now resides, and, being energetic and industrious, became a prosperous farmer. He died June 8, 1881. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for some time served it as a Trustee. He married November 27, 1862, Esther Newell, daughter of Lemuel and Charlotte (Arnold) Newell. The father was born in Pelham, March 13, 1810; and the mother was born in Belchertown, March 5, 1817. David Newell, the grandfather of Mrs. Baxter Allen, was an early settler in Pelham, where he passed the remainder of his life. Lemuel Newell owned and cultivated a large farm. He was highly respected, was prominently connected with public affairs, and served the town with ability as a Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, and in other offices. His death occurred August 26, 1887. He attended the Methodist church, and was a Republican in his political relations. His wife, Charlotte Arnold before marriage, died August 15, 1845. Of her children four reached maturity. Two are now living, namely: H. Smith Newell, a resident of Chicopee Falls; and Esther, who is now Mrs. Baxter Allen. Mrs. Baxter Allen became the mother of five children, as follows: Lyman W., who was born February 23, 1864, is married, and resides in West Pelham; Henry S., the subject of this sketch; Alice M., born March 7, 1871, and residing in Pelham; Myron N., born August 16, 1872, and now a prosperous farmer of Amherst; and

Estella N., born February 26, 1878, and now the wife of William Larned, a mechanic of Pelham. The mother, who still survives, resides at the old homestead.

Henry S. Allen received his education in the common schools of his native town. At the age of fourteen he commenced life for himself as a farm boy. In this employment he earned sixty-five dollars by working eight months. He continued to labor upon a farm for some time longer, and then was employed in a meat market in Amherst, where he remained for five years. After this he became a clerk in the Grange store of Amherst. He was thirteen months in this position, when he resigned it to settle upon his present farm in Pelham, and engage in agriculture upon his own account. The property, which was formerly owned by Lemuel Newell, and later came into the possession of the Allen family, consists of two hundred acres of well-improved land. Mr. Allen devotes his time and attention to general farming, and he enters into his occupation with a spirit which takes no defeat.

He is a Republican in politics, and is at the present time serving as a member of the Board of Selectmen and of the School Board. On September 30, 1890, Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Ada A. Brainard. She was born in Vernon, Conn., December 11, 1868, daughter of John and Fidelia (Goslee) Brainard, the former of whom resides in Amherst. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have one daughter, named Gladys H., who was born October 15, 1892. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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**H**EENEZER A. KING, a leading farmer of Amherst, was born in North Amherst, March 1, 1839, son of Cyrus and Achsah (Adams) King. Mr. King's

grandfather, Peter King, was born in Groton, Mass., in 1757. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, serving under General Matoon. He first settled upon a farm in Pelham, Mass., which he cleared from the wilderness, and resided there until 1820. He then moved to Amherst, locating on what is known as Flat Hill; and his farm is now owned by his grandson. He was a liberal supporter of the Methodist church and a Democrat in politics. Peter King died in Amherst, aged ninety-eight. His wife, Abigail Ingram in her maidenhood, became the mother of six children: Ebenezer, Peter, Cyrus, Appleton, Abigail, and Dency.

Cyrus King, Mr. King's father, was born in Pelham, January 9, 1803. He was a school-teacher in early manhood, and also learned the trade of a stone-cutter. He resided at the homestead for some years, and, selling that property, bought a farm in the eastern part of the town of Amherst, which is now occupied by his son Isaac. He was an industrious and a highly respected man, a Republican in politics, and served as a member of the School Board. He attended the Methodist church, and presented the society with the land on which its present house of worship stands. Cyrus King died in 1880, aged seventy-seven years. His wife, Achsah Adams, who was born in Shutesbury, September 23, 1809, became the mother of six children, as follows: Edward P., who became a Methodist minister, and died nearly fifty years old; Woodbridge A.; Ebenezer A., the subject of this sketch; Isaac N., a prosperous farmer of Amherst; Ella C., wife of J. L. Lowe, a professor in the university in Lincoln, Neb.; and Emma, wife of Addison R. Jones, a resident of Amherst. The mother, who still survives, resides with her children.

Ebenezer A. King was educated in the

schools of Amherst. He grew to manhood in the King homestead at North Amherst; and in 1860 he purchased a farm of one hundred acres, situated on East Street. After residing there for one year, he sold the property, and purchased the farm which he now occupies. He conducts a dairy, keeping thirty Jersey cows, and has reached his present state of prosperity through his energy and good judgment. Mr. King is a Republican in politics, was a Selectman for three years, and has held other town offices.

On April 11, 1860, Mr. King was united in marriage to Clara J. Hawley. She was born in Amherst, daughter of Justin and Melinda Hawley, who were old residents of the town. Mr. and Mrs. King have two children, namely: Hattie J., wife of Abram W. Chase, who resides with her parents; and Frank A., a clerk in the employ of J. H. Prindle, Northampton. Mr. and Mrs. King are members of the Congregational church.

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**J**OSIAH W. FLINT, a prominent lumber manufacturer of Enfield, Mass., was born in Athol, Worcester County, November 4, 1839, son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Hill) Flint. Mr. Flint's paternal grandfather, Willard Flint, was a prosperous farmer of Royalston, another town in the county of Worcester, where he resided for a greater part of his life, and died at an advanced age.

Josiah Flint, son of Willard, was born in Sterling, Mass. He was an industrious farmer and a useful citizen. His wife, Elizabeth Hill, who was a native of Athol, became the mother of eight children, all of whom lived to reach maturity, and five are now living, namely: Eliza A., who is now Mrs. Lord, and resides in Athol; Abbie H., now Mrs. Harvey, of Athol; Rebecca S., Mrs.



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Ellenwood, of Newton, Mass.; Jane A., who is now Mrs. Rickey, and resides in Athol; and Josiah W., who lives in Enfield, as above mentioned. A sister, Mrs. Mary G. Barlow, died in Athol; one brother, Cyrus F., died in Brooklyn, N.Y.; and another, George I., died in Athol.

Josiah W. Flint is the youngest of the family. He received his education in the schools of Athol and Hardwick; and at the age of sixteen he left home, and went to reside with his sister in Hardwick, where he was engaged in farming and butchering for fourteen years. In April, 1874, he came to Enfield, and bought his first real estate, a farm of sixty acres, which he cultivated successfully for ten years. He also engaged in the lumber business in company with D. B. Gillett, with whom he is still associated; and they owned at one time a wooded tract of five hundred acres. They are extensive manufacturers of all kinds of native lumber, and have conducted for some years a very profitable business. Mr. Flint now owns, individually, about one hundred and fifty acres of land; and he occupies a handsome modern residence, which he erected in 1894. He is prominent in public affairs, and has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for the past six years. He has also served as Road Commissioner and Constable, and is at the present time Deputy Sheriff. He is a member of Bethel Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

Mr. Flint has been twice married, but has no children. His first wife, Emma E. Taft, whom he wedded in 1864, died in 1891; and his second wife, Kitty Shoals, a native of Easthampton, who became Mrs. Flint in 1893, died in 1894. Mr. Flint is one of the most enterprising business men in Enfield, and his undertakings have been productive of the most gratifying results.

**F**REDERIC DAN HUNTINGTON, S.T.D., LL.D., L.H.D., first Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York, was born May 28, 1819, in the historic town of Hadley, the house where he was born being now his summer home. He is a son of the Rev. Dan Huntington, who acted for some time as pastor in Litchfield and Middletown, Conn., but moved in 1816 to Hampshire County, Massachusetts. For some time he taught at Hopkins Academy in Hadley, his home being the house now owned by the Bishop. The Rev. Dan Huntington married Elizabeth W. Phelps, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Porter) Phelps, of Hadley. The latter was the only daughter of Captain Moses Porter, who in 1753 built the house which afterward became the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Huntington, and her family. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps had but two children: the mother of Frederic Dan Huntington and Major Charles P. Phelps. Mrs. Huntington at the time of her marriage owned some three hundred acres of the farm; and her brother built a dwelling on the land, and named the place "Pine Grove." Mr. and Mrs. Huntington were the parents of eleven children, namely: the Hon. Charles P. Huntington, an attorney and judge; William Pitkin; Elizabeth P., Mrs. Fisher; Bethia Throop; Edward P.; John Whiting; Theophilus Parsons; Theo Gregson; Mary Dwight; Catherine Carey; Frederic Dan, our subject.

Frederic Dan Huntington graduated from Amherst in 1839. After graduation he took charge of the South Unitarian Church in Boston, over which he presided till 1855, when he was called to Harvard College, where he served as professor and preacher five years. Mr. Huntington was a deep and earnest thinker on the subject of religion; and in 1860, after mature deliberation, he joined the

fold of the Protestant Episcopal church, taking charge of the newly organized parish of Emmanuel Church, Boston, where he labored for nine years. At the end of that time he was chosen and consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York.

The works of Bishop Huntington's pen are too many to enumerate here. They embrace poetry and prose and a diversified list of subjects, all treated gracefully and forcibly. His literary work alone covers a broad sphere of action; for, besides writing books, pamphlets, and poems, he contributed to the old *Democratic Review*, the *Christian Examiner*, the *North American Review*, the *Forum*, the *American Church Review*, the *Homiletic Review*, the *Independent*, the *Boston Courier*, the *Churchman*, and the *Congregationalist*; and he was editor for several years each of the *Christian Register*, the *Monthly Religious Magazine*, and the *Church Monthly*. Bishop Huntington has been connected with educational institutions in the following capacities: Trustee and Visitor of Hobart College; professor and preacher at Harvard (1855-60); Trustee at St. Paul's School, Concord, several years; Trustee of St. Mark's School, of the Keble School for Girls, Syracuse, and of Vassar College; President of the Board of Trustees of St. John's School for Boys; and lecturer for one season at the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, and for two seasons at the General Theological Seminary, New York.

The above is a brief synopsis of Bishop Huntington's career, giving merely the stepping-stones on the way to his present position. Of the years of conscientious and loving labor in behalf of his fellow-men, of pathetic and thrilling incidents in his career as a minister to needy souls, and of his own mental struggles and achievements space is

not here given to write. A man of broad scholarship and unusual intellectual force, by personal effort and by the use of a facile and powerful pen he has done a great work for the Episcopal Church. He it was who first recognized the uses of an order of evangelists, and whose sympathy and encouragement brought into existence the Parochial Missions Society and the well-known St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

On the 8th of April, 1894, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Huntington was observed throughout his diocese; and the parishes of Syracuse united in service at St. Paul's Cathedral, Bishop Huntington pronouncing the benediction. A more formal and elaborate commemoration of the anniversary was made in connection with the annual Diocesan Convention, held at the cathedral on Wednesday, June 13, 1894, when three bishops and ninety-eight other clergymen were present, besides ninety-nine lay delegates and a large congregation, composed of people from Syracuse and other parts of the diocese. Many were present who attended the consecration at Boston twenty-five years ago. After the services in the church a public reception was held in the parlors of the Yates Hotel, where a large number of persons took occasion to offer congratulations to the Bishop.

In 1843 Bishop Huntington was united in marriage to Hannah Dane, daughter of Epes Sargent, of Boston, and five children blessed their union, namely: the Rev. George P. Huntington, rector of the parish at Hanover, N.H.; Arria Sargent, who lives with her parents; Ruth G., wife of A. L. Sessions, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; the Rev. James O. S. Huntington, known as Father Huntington, a preacher and evangelist; and Mary L., who is with her parents.

Bishop Huntington's diocesan residence is at Syracuse, N.Y., where he is to be found the greater part of the year. The house in Hadley, where he spends his leisure seasons, and which is endeared to him by early associations, is one of the oldest in the State. A fine estate of more than a hundred acres of land adjoins the residence, and the whole makes an ideal country home. Though now in his seventy-seventh year, Bishop Huntington's faculties are still undimmed. At the last Commencement exercises of Amherst he was the oldest alumnus present, and the number of his contemporaries is yearly dwindling; but all who have lived under his wise and far-sighted administration pray that he may be spared many years yet to watch over the spiritual welfare of the diocese of Central New York.

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**F**ELIX BOMBARD, a resident of Ware, engaged in the livery business and in the wholesale and retail liquor trade, was born in the Province of Quebec, February 2, 1856, son of Jacob and Clara (Carpenter) Bombard.

His father, Jacob Bombard, began life in humble circumstances, working at first as a laboring man in saw-mills and at other kinds of work. Later on he became a boatman on the Champlain Canal, in which occupation he first began to make progress financially. He afterward opened a hotel and store in Sandy Hill, N.Y., whither he had gone on leaving Quebec. Being a man of good business ability, his ventures were generally successful; and at his death he left property valued at between twenty-five and thirty thousand dollars. He died in 1893, sixty-nine years of age, leaving with his widow five children, the survivors of thirteen born of their union. His widow is a daughter of Lewis Carpenter,

who was at one time a farmer in Canada. Toward the close of his life he removed to Washington County, New York, where he died in 1876, eighty-two years of age. Mrs. Bombard's children, with the exception of Felix Bombard, the subject of this sketch, all reside in Sandy Hill, N.Y. They are: Josephine Bombard, a maiden lady, living at home; Nelson J., of the mercantile firm of Bombard Brothers; James, proprietor of the St. Clair House of Sandy Hill, N.Y., having succeeded his father; and Henry L., who is associated in business with his brother Nelson J. Their mother, who is now seventy-one years of age, is still strong and active. She is the eldest of a large family, of whom seven sons and three daughters are still living; and the youngest is forty-four years old. Three of her brothers served in the Civil War.

Felix Bombard received only a limited education; and at the age of twelve years he began to assist his father on the canal, performing the work of a man. In his twentieth year he started out in business for himself, and for two years kept the St. Clair Hotel. He next removed to Southbridge, Mass., where he drove a tinware cart for three years, being engaged on a salary. He then started in the business for himself, and kept five carts on the road the larger part of the time. In 1880 he went to North Brookfield, Mass., and three years later came to Ware, continuing in the tin business in both places until 1886, when he closed out his store, and engaged in the importation of Canadian horses. When he started, he had only a barn with four stalls; but he has since done a very successful business. In 1890 he sold horses to the value of about forty-five thousand dollars, besides transacting a large business in carriages and harnesses. He now has a barn suitable for thirty-two horses, and usually has from five

to twenty on hand. In 1894 he erected his block at the corner of Parker Street, where he now carries on horse dealing, a livery, and the carriage, harness, and saddlery business. Also in the building are commission auction rooms, where he holds weekly sales of horses. He opened his restaurant, with which he combines a wholesale and retail liquor business, in 1895.

When twenty years of age, he was united in marriage with Miss Apoline Vannier, of Sandy Hill, N.Y., who was a daughter of John Vannier. Three children were born of this union. She died at Southbridge, Mass., in 1879, leaving an infant daughter, Delia, who is now sixteen years of age. The other children are: Carrie; and Frederick, who is seventeen years of age. On April 25, 1881, Mr. Bombard was again married, his second wife being Miss Mary Goyette, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Bolio) Goyette, of North Brookfield, Mass. Her parents had fifteen children, of whom nine are now living. Mr. Bombard has no children by his second marriage.

In political affiliation Mr. Bombard is a Democrat. During his residence in North Brookfield he served as Constable, and since he has resided in Ware he has filled for two years each the offices of Constable and Road Commissioner. He and his family are consistent members of All Saints' Church, which is now under the charge of Father Boyle. They reside in the pleasant home which Mr. Bombard erected in 1888.

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**W**ILLIAM H. TODD, manager of the Academy of Music at Northampton, is a native of New York City, born May 16, 1838, a son of Calvin and Emma (Todd) Todd, who were not related by

consanguinity. His father was born in Mendon, Worcester County, Mass., and for many years was one of the substantial business men of Fitchburg, Mass.

Mr. Todd was deprived by death of a mother's care when but an infant. For a time he was cared for at Ashburnham, Mass., by a nurse, subsequently by his maternal grandmother, and later by an aunt in Northampton. He completed his education at the Moravian Academy in Nazareth, Pa. At the age of sixteen years he began an apprenticeship to the hardware trade with Luther I. Washburn, husband of his aunt, Mary C. Todd. Five years later Mr. Todd became a clerk in a hardware store at Elkhart, Ind. On the death of Mr. Washburn, which occurred shortly after his departure, he returned to take charge of the business he left. This he managed successfully from 1859 until 1878, when F. I. Washburn, his aunt's son, succeeded him. Mr. Todd again went West. He bought out a hardware store in Oskaloosa, Ia., ran it for nearly two years, and then sold out at an advantage. He next became interested in a stock company established at Lorain, Ohio, for the manufacture of brass goods, acting as secretary for the company for a few years. From 1881 until 1886 he was the New York agent of the Lorain Manufacturing Company. He then came to Northampton, which he has since made his home. For the past few years he has been the efficient manager of the Academy of Music.

The union of Mr. Todd with Nancy, daughter of Charles P. Kingsley, of this city, occurred in 1862. They had four children, one of whom, a daughter, died in infancy. Those living are as follows: Emma, the wife of John W. Hartwell, of this place; William Baker Todd, a resident of Lorain, Ohio, married, and father of three children — Thomas

G., William Henry, and Mina; and Elizabeth N., who lives with her parents. Mr. Todd has ever evinced a warm interest in local improvement, heartily indorsing all enterprises calculated to advance the welfare of the city. He accepts the principles of the Democratic party. He is connected with the Masonic fraternity as a Knight Templar.

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**M**RS. LUCINDA MEEKINS, widow of the late Christopher H. Meekins, is a well-known and highly respected resident of Williamsburg. Christopher H. Meekins, her late husband, was born in Williamsburg, February 15, 1810, son of Stephen and Sarah (Hecox) Meekins.

Mr. Meekins's great-grandfather, Thomas Meekins, emigrated from England, and settled in Hatfield, Mass., where he became a large land-owner and a prominent citizen. His son, Thomas (second), Mr. Meekins's grandfather, was born in Hatfield, and from there moved to Williamsburg when it was mostly a wilderness. He bought one hundred acres of land at a nominal price, the terms including an agreement that he should settle in the town and clear the land. He succeeded in complying with the terms, although the life of a pioneer was an arduous one in those early days. He cleared and improved a valuable farm, upon which he later erected a substantial frame house. He became a well-to-do farmer, and died at the age of eighty-five years. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Carey, died at the age of sixty. Stephen Meekins, Mr. Meekins's father, was born in Williamsburg, and was reared to agriculture. He assisted his father in improving the property and in otherwise attending to the farm. He afterward purchased a portion of the farm, built the house which now stands

upon the Gilbert farm, and also erected the residence in which Mrs. Meekins now lives. He kept two hundred sheep and about thirty head of stock, and was in very prosperous circumstances when he died, at the age of seventy years. His wife, Sarah Hecox, became the mother of the following children: Hannah; Louis; Theodosia; Thomas; Christopher; Stephen; John; and two others, who died in infancy. She died at an advanced age.

Christopher H. Meekins was born at the old homestead in Williamsburg, and at an early age became proficient in agriculture. He cared for his parents during their declining years, and succeeded to the possession of the homestead by purchasing the interests of the other heirs. He was an energetic and progressive farmer, and made various improvements in his property, planting many fruit-trees, which at the present time attest his labor and industry. He also dealt largely in sheep and cattle. On February 18, 1850, Christopher H. Meekins was united in marriage to Lucinda Wolcott, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Meekins is a daughter of Luther and Rizpah (Curtis) Wolcott. The father was a native of Williamsburg, was a successful farmer, and kept a hotel. He later moved to Ulster County, New York, where he held the office of Sheriff for a number of years, and died there at the age of thirty-eight. He was a Democrat in politics and a Congregationalist in his religious belief. His wife became the mother of five children: Lucinda, Cyrus, Mehitable, Elizabeth, and Luther. She was a member of the Baptist church, and died at the age of seventy-four years.

The late Christopher Meekins was a Republican in politics; and, although most eligible for public office, he always declined to serve. He died at the age of seventy years. Mrs.

Meekins has had three children, namely: Thomas W., who was born July 13, 1855, and now has charge of the home farm; Sarah L., who was born October 22, 1859, married Edward Cleary, and resides in Searsville; and Charles C., the eldest, who died in 1887, aged thirty-eight years. Mrs. Meekins is a lady who possesses many sterling traits of character. She is endowed with intellectual faculties of a high order, and has been an untiring reader of standard and instructive literature.

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**G**EORGE P. DICKINSON, a retired merchant and Treasurer of the Northampton Gas Company, was born in this town, July 13, 1822, son of James S. and Betsey (Pomeroy) Dickinson.

His father, born in 1780, was a leading merchant of this section of the county. He was intimately associated with the best interests of the town, and represented his district in the State legislature. He was very successful in his financial affairs, leaving at his death, which occurred in 1824, a substantial property. His wife was a daughter of Quantus Pomeroy and the grand-daughter of General Seth Pomeroy. They reared a family of five children, two of whom died. The others, besides the subject of this sketch, are: James S. Dickinson; and his sister, Mary C. Dickinson, both residents of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Dickinson received his education in the district school and in the academy and select school. When sixteen years old, he went to St. Louis, Mo., to clerk in a hardware store for his brother-in-law. Four years later he returned to Northampton, where he engaged as a salesman for two years. He then became the partner of his employer; and for the succeeding two years they did a good business, under the firm name of Hopkins & Dickinson.

Buying out his partner, Mr. Dickinson continued the business alone for two years more, and then formed a copartnership with a Mr. West and his son, under the firm name of West, Dickinson & Co. In 1856 the firm dissolved; and Mr. Dickinson went to Brooklyn, N.Y. Here he embarked in trade with another Mr. West, with very satisfactory results. The firm carried on a prosperous and extensive business until 1878, when Mr. Dickinson, whose health was somewhat impaired by his close attention to business, sold out to his partner, and returned to the scenes of his early life. In 1880 he bought the land, and erected upon it his present commodious residence, which is one of the finest and most attractive of the elegant dwellings on Elm Street. With its vine-clad front and situation in the centre of a shady lawn, it presents a charming appearance to the passer-by. Mr. Dickinson has also invested in other real estate, is a shareholder in the gas works, and treasurer of the company.

June 27, 1849, Mr. Dickinson was united in marriage with Mary Robinson, a daughter of Dr. Robinson, of North Adams. Their only child, Anna M., married Franklin Edwards, of Northampton; and they have two sons. In politics Mr. Dickinson is a Republican. He has satisfactorily served his constituents in the City Council, of which he was a member for five years, being its presiding officer two years. He is a Trustee for the Northampton Institution for Savings, and is a member and has been for several years an Assessor of the First Congregational Church.

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**C**HARLES RICHARDS, Town Clerk and Treasurer of Enfield, was born in that town, September 30, 1818, son of Ephraim and Susanna (Chennery) Richards.

Mr. Richards's father was probably born in Ashford, Conn., in 1774. He settled in Enfield in 1812, and was one of the early manufacturers of Enfield cloth. He also engaged in mercantile enterprise. He was a successful business man, accumulating a considerable amount of property; and he became prominent in public affairs. He was an anti-Mason, a Whig, and later a Republican. When the town of Enfield was incorporated, he was its first Treasurer, and held that office for three years. In 1820 or 1821 he served as a member of the Board of Selectmen. He was for several years a Representative to the General Court in Boston. Subsequently, desiring to retire from public life, he made his wishes known to his constituents. These refused to allow his name to be withdrawn as a candidate, whereupon he agreed to treat the whole town if they would accede to his request. This proposition was immediately accepted, and it is alleged Mr. E. Richards most religiously kept his promise. He was well informed upon all public issues of the day, and was a conscientious public official of the old school. He died in Enfield, aged eighty-eight years. His wife, who was born in Holden, Mass., February 5, 1785, became the mother of nine children, eight of whom reached maturity; and four are now living. They were: Alona M.; Fanny F., now Mrs. Babcock, and residing in Boston; George L.; Susan P.; Charles; Charles, second, the subject of this sketch; William H.; Dexter N.; and Isaac N.—the last three residents of Boston. The mother died in 1872, aged eighty-seven years.

Charles Richards received his education in the schools of West Brookfield and Southampton. Upon the completion of his studies he served an apprenticeship at the jeweller's trade in Northampton; and, after remaining

in that occupation for five years, feeble health caused him to suspend active employment. Upon his recovery he engaged in mercantile business, and was also one of the organizers of the Hampshire Flax Company, with which he remained connected for three years. He conducted business in Enfield as a member of the firm of Bryant & Richards for about three years, at the expiration of which time he retired from the firm, and has since devoted his attention to public affairs. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1853, was an inspector of the Monson almshouse in 1855 and 1856, was appointed a Justice of the Peace and of the Quorum in 1857, and on May 28, 1864, became Trial Justice, an office which he held until the establishment of the District Court. He was appointed Coroner on April 23, 1872; Notary Public in 1875, census enumerator for 1880, 1885, and 1890, and is at present Town Clerk and Treasurer, a position which he has occupied since 1882. He has long been prominent in educational matters and has served as a member of the School Board.

Mr. Richards has been twice married. His first wife, whom he wedded September 21, 1841, was Caroline Clark, of Northampton. She died January 5, 1872, leaving four children, as follows: Charles E., who was born March 21, 1845, and resides in Waltham; Edward S., born January 12, 1847, now a commercial traveller for a Boston firm; Joseph C., born January 1, 1857, an undertaker of Boston; and Fred B., born May 29, 1859, now a Congregational preacher in New York City. On December 18, 1872, Mr. Richards married for his second wife Lorana S. Hunt. She was born in Prescott, May 17, 1842, daughter of Horace Hunt. Her father, who was born in New Salem, was engaged in mercantile pursuits for the greater part of his life. He died at an advanced age, and his

wife is now residing with a son in Athol. By their union Mr. and Mrs. Richards have two children, namely: Caroline C., who was born October 30, 1873, now a teacher in Boston; and Raymond H., born December 9, 1877, attending school in Monson.

Mr. Richards is one of the oldest and most widely known residents of Enfield. He has been an able and faithful public official for many years, and is still actively engaged in attending to public business. He sustains the time-honored title of Squire with dignity, and is a living landmark of the town. Mrs. Richards is at present serving upon the School Board, and is a member of the Congregational church.

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JAMES CLAPP, the owner of a choice farm in Ward Seven of Northampton, which with its fine residence and out-buildings commands the attention of the passer-by, was born here on March 27, 1827, son of Henry and Nancy (Root) Clapp. His grandfather, Thomas Clapp, of Westhampton, died in 1795, while yet in the prime of life, leaving a widow and five children. Mrs. Thomas Clapp, who before marriage was a Miss Kellogg, died in her eightieth year.

Henry Clapp, who was born November 5, 1789, was a blacksmith by trade, and successfully followed that vocation for many years at Roberts Meadow. He owned a farm of one hundred acres; and, being in other respects in good circumstances, toward the close of his long life he retired from active business. He died in 1882, at nearly ninety-three years of age. His wife, Nancy Root, was a daughter of John Root, of Roberts Meadow. They were married August 17, 1815; and during the years that followed their household circle was made cheerful and stirring by the advent of six sons, who became stalwart men with an

average height of six feet. They were named: Edward, Nelson, Henry, Anson M., James, and John C. Their father in his younger days was also a man of fine physique, measuring five feet ten inches in height; but during his latter years he suffered from rheumatism, and was in consequence somewhat lame. Their mother died December 15, 1869, aged seventy-nine years. The remains of both parents are sleeping in the Northampton cemetery. Edward, who kept the Northampton toll-gate for many years, died April 28, 1867. He was the father of one son, Edward T. Clapp, now residing in Northampton. Nelson Clapp, a successful agriculturist of Westhampton, is unmarried. Henry Clapp, born in February, 1822, died May 27, 1888, leaving no family. He, too, was a prosperous farmer. Anson Morris Clapp is a carpenter of Florence, Mass. John Chapin Clapp, who was born July 16, 1831, is a mechanic, residing in Florence.

James Clapp remained with his parents on the homestead, received a good common-school education, and was reared to the vocation of a farmer. He is the owner of several hundred acres of good farming land, and, keeping a dairy of from twenty to twenty-five choice cows, makes a high grade of butter, which finds a ready sale among the best families of Northampton. His present commodious and attractive farm-house was built on the foundation of one that was burned in 1894; and the barn, which is one of the largest and best in this vicinity, was erected in 1883.

Mr. Clapp was married October 11, 1860, to Miss Juliette Amelia Miller, who was born in Williamsburg in 1835, and was the only daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah (Hunt) Miller, of Williamsburg and Belchertown, Mass. She had four brothers, of whom only one is now living—John Hunt Miller, of Marlboro, Mass. The father, a prosperous



Mr. and Mrs. JAMES CLAPP.



farmer, died January 25, 1863, at fifty-nine years of age, and the mother on December 13, 1873, at sixty-two years of age. Juliette A. Miller was educated in the high school and at the academies of Williamsburg and Easthampton, and before marriage was for some years a successful teacher. Her brothers also enjoyed good educational advantages, and John Hunt Miller taught school in his younger days. Edwin Harrison Miller, her eldest brother, was a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy, and was stationed on the Mediterranean Sea during the greater part of the Civil War.

Mr. and Mrs. Clapp have three children: Henry Miller, Annah Juliette, and James Root. Henry Miller Clapp, a farmer in Westhampton, now president of the water works and one of the leading young men of the town, which he has served acceptably as Selectman, is also active in church work, and is President of the Christian Endeavor Society. He married Miss Aurelia Montague, a graduate of South Hadley Academy, who was for several years a teacher in Northampton; and they are the parents of a son and daughter — Myron Miller Clapp and Esther Parsons Clapp — the whole family being members of the Congregational church at Westhampton. Annah Juliette Clapp is the wife of Dr. William L. Higgins, of South Coventry, Conn. James Root Clapp, a young man of twenty-three years, who was educated in Northampton, is unmarried, and resides at home. Mrs. Clapp has been a member of the Congregational church since she was sixteen years of age.

WILLIAM A. SMITH was born February 24, 1825, in the town of Granby, where he holds an honored position among the men of the place. As a

worthy representative of the citizen-soldier element of Hampshire County, he is deserving of special mention in this biographical volume. His parents, Medad and Pamela (Dickinson) Smith, were born and bred in Granby, and, with the exception of six years spent at Chicopee Falls, were residents of the place until their death. The father, a farmer by occupation, after his return from Chicopee bought the farm now owned and occupied by his son. Here both he and his wife spent their last days, her death occurring April 4, 1842, and his April 20, 1858. They had a family of nine children, namely: Edmund, Abigail, Irene, Edmund (second), Harriet, and Emma, deceased; and Lucas, William, and Elizabeth living.

Mr. Smith, the subject of this sketch, obtained a substantial common-school education in the district and high schools of his native town. On attaining his majority he left home, and for two years worked by the month for neighboring farmers. Having saved some money, he subsequently purchased the old home, where, with the exception of the time he spent in the army, he has since lived. At the time he bought it the farm contained but thirty acres; but as the years rolled on he added more land, so that now his property contains one hundred and forty acres, being at the same time in a good state of cultivation.

On August 25, 1862, Mr. Smith enlisted in the service of his country. He was mustered in as Third Sergeant of Company H, Fifty-second Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Perkins, the regiment being commanded by Colonel Greenleaf. In December, 1862, he, with his comrades, left New York, going to Ship Island, where they joined the division commanded by General N. P. Banks. Proceeding to the mouth of

the Mississippi, they landed at New Orleans, going thence to Baton Rouge, where they remained some time. His company was then stationed at Plaquemine for five weeks, whence they marched to Port Hudson, where a slight skirmish ensued. A detachment was then ordered to St. Gabriel, and, after a stay of eight days, to Donaldsonville; thence they went to Brashear City, where they embarked on a steamer going up Grand Lake. Their next destination was Opelousas, and then Barrett's Landing, where they narrowly escaped capture by the rebels. Returning to Brashear City, they found themselves pursued by the enemy, but reached the place in safety by means of night marches. The regiment afterward went back to Baton Rouge, and then to Port Hudson, where the enemy surrendered. Although the term of enlistment expired on July 9, 1863, the men remained on duty until July 23, when the company embarked, and sailed up the river to Cairo, Ill., where they boarded the cars for Greenfield, Mass. There, on August 14, 1863, Mr. Smith received his honorable discharge, and at once returned to his family.

On November 24, 1859, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Caroline Miller, a native of Ludlow, Hampden County, and daughter of Zebina and Polly Miller. She had four children, namely: Hattie; May; Edwin, who died at the age of ten years; and Carrie. She died July 23, 1886. A Republican in politics, Mr. Smith is a stanch advocate of the principles of that party. He has been Selectman of the town for several years, and has also filled the office of Assessor. He is a member of the Charles C. Smith Post, No. 83, of South Hadley Falls, which he has served as Junior Vice-Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, and also as Chaplain. Religiously, he is a valued member of the Con-

gregational church, in which he has acted for a score of years as Deacon.

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 CHARLES MILTON KINNEY, a retired marble and monument dealer of Northampton, was born in the town of Sunderland, Bennington County, Vt., in 1818. He traces his descent to Sir Thomas Kinney, a nobleman of England.

His grandparents were Benjamin and Martha (Harris) Kinney. Benjamin, who was a carpenter and joiner, came from England to this country, settling in Connecticut; and his wife was a native of Norwich, Conn. Their union was blessed by the birth of a son and daughter. The son, whose name was Joel Kinney, received a mechanical education from his father. He took an interest in public affairs, was a Democrat in politics, was for thirty years a Justice of the Peace, served acceptably as a member of the legislature of Vermont, and held many town offices. He married Miss Clarissa Ford, a daughter of Charles and Annie (Harris) Ford. Though both of Mr. Kinney's grandmothers bore the name of Harris, they were not related. His parents were married January 15, 1814. They lost their first-born, a son, and two other children. They reared three sons and two daughters, of whom two sons and a daughter are now living: F. J., Charles Milton, and Laura. Benjamin Kinney, deceased, born in 1820, became a sculptor, and won for himself quite a reputation in his art. His specialty was the cutting of busts, both in marble and in cameo. He was also a man of literary talent, besides possessing a natural gift for his chosen profession. F. J. Kinney, who resides in Worcester, Mass., is one of the leading market gardeners and florists of that city, and also devotes considerable attention

to fruit-growing. One of his sons, Lorenzo F. Kinney, is Professor of Horticulture in the Agricultural College of Rhode Island. He went to Europe to complete his education, and ranks high as a teacher in that branch of study. Laura Kinney, who never married, is now upward of eighty years of age, and is living on the old farm on which their parents spent their lives.

Charles Milton received a good, practical education in the common schools. When in his eighteenth year, he taught school for one winter in Mexico, N.Y. He then learned the trade of a marble cutter in Pittsfield, Mass., where, when he had served an apprenticeship of six months, he was engaged at two dollars per day. He seems to have inherited his father's skill; for he made such progress in his chosen avocation that some years later, in 1845, he was able to open his shop in Northampton. Here he conducted a thriving business for thirty years, and then retired from active participation in mercantile life. He is a member of the Northampton Grange, and he and his wife are members of the Unitarian Society.

He was married on June 1, 1842, at Barre, Mass., to Miss Submit Walker, of that place. Her mother was a cousin of General Samuel Lee, of Revolutionary fame. Six sons and two daughters were born of their union. Two sons died in infancy. Martha Ann, the wife of Thomas L. Irwin, died in 1882, leaving one son, Phillip L. Irwin, who is now a lad of thirteen years, and has lived with his maternal grandparents since his mother's death. His father died December 19, 1892, at thirty-nine years of age.

A brief account of the living children follows: Albert is a successful dealer in monumental work in Milford, Mass. Charles Walker, who was born in Northampton on

August 15, 1845, succeeded his father at the head of the firm. He is President of the City Water Board, and has served with honor on the Common Council. He was married in 1872 to Miss Eva M. Collins, of Springfield, Mass., who died in 1879. He was again married in 1880 to his present wife, who was Miss Harriet J. Annable, by whom he has one son, Charles M., a youth of thirteen years, who is attending school. Fred Kinney is a piano tuner and a performer on the flute. Edward is a book-keeper in Holyoke, Mass.; and Ella Lee, the wife of William H. Abbott, of Holyoke, has three sons and three daughters.

Mr. Kinney erected a home on Phillips Place, where he resided for fifteen years; and in 1860 he purchased a farm of thirteen acres on Prospect Street, near Dickinson Hospital, where he built a fine brick house and outbuildings, and set out some choice fruit and shade trees, which have now grown into an orchard that produces a good variety and quantity of apples, pears, grapes, and other fruits. He lived there for thirty-two years, celebrating with his wife their golden wedding on June 1, 1892. Among the many tokens of regard left them by their numerous friends and acquaintances on this occasion were a gold-headed cane from the Northampton Grange and a side-board from their children. Mr. Kinney sold his farm in the September following, and purchased his present home at 134 King Street.



WILLIAM E. COONEY, a prominent citizen of Northampton, was born in Haydenville, Hampshire County, Mass., November 13, 1855, son of Michael and Rosanna (Martin) Cooney and grandson of William Cooney, a farmer in County Tipperary, Ireland.

William Cooney died in his prime, of typhoid fever, leaving a widow, five daughters, and one son, who emigrated to America in 1840. Four of the daughters are yet living in Chicago, Ill., and in Massachusetts. The family made the voyage in a sailing-vessel, consuming nine tedious weeks. Shortly after his arrival on American soil Michael Cooney, the father of William E., found work as a laborer in Brooklyn. Subsequently he removed to Leeds, Mass., where he was employed in the woollen-mill, and later entered the button factory in Haydenville, where japanned buttons were manufactured. Finding that outdoor work suited him best, he engaged in trucking, doing the teaming for the cotton company and the brass company. He was an enterprising and successful man, and at his death owned a good home in Haydenville, besides considerable other property. In politics he was a Democrat, a leading man in the party. He died in 1883, at the age of sixty-three years. Mrs. Cooney was a native of King's County, Ireland, and was married in Chicopee in 1845. She died December 31, 1891, in her sixty-fourth year. She and her husband were the parents of five daughters and two sons, namely: Katie, who died in childhood; Rose, wife of William D. Larkin, of Haydenville, who has passed away, leaving one daughter; Michael E., proprietor of the Hotel Florence; Ella, in the millinery business at Northampton, successor to Cooney & Larkin; William E., the subject of this sketch; Lizzie, wife of Thomas H. Gilfoil, proprietor of the City Hotel; Anna, wife of John T. Keating, an attorney in Northampton.

William E. Cooney received his early education in the common schools of the town, and at fifteen entered the office of the Northampton *Free Press* as "printer's devil." He

served an apprenticeship of three years, and afterward worked at the case nine years. In 1877, in company with John T. Dewey, he opened the Nonatuck House, now the City Hotel. In this hotel he was interested four years, Mr. Dewey in the meantime selling his share to William D. Larkin. In 1881 Mr. Cooney, in company with Mr. Parnell, opened a wholesale liquor store, under the firm name of Parnell & Cooney; and the enterprise proved to be a very profitable one. In 1895 Mr. Parnell bought the entire business, and Mr. Cooney retired.

On November 18, 1874, Mr. Cooney was married to Kate, daughter of John and Mary (Powers) Roach, of Waterford, N.Y. Mrs. Roach died when quite young, leaving four children, the youngest, Mrs. Cooney, being but two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Cooney have lost one son, Martin James, who died when two years old. Their other children are as follows: Michael M., a young man of nineteen, who is engaged in the manufacture of bricks; William S. and Austin E., aged respectively eleven and eight years; and Bernard Joseph, two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Cooney are members of the Roman Catholic church. Their pleasant home, which is situated at the corner of Park and State Streets, was erected by Mr. Cooney in 1883. Mr. Cooney is a man of diversified knowledge, having travelled extensively in the West and South, especially in Texas, New Mexico, and Minnesota.



LIVER H. CURTIS, an old resident and a well-to-do farmer of Amherst, was born in Willington, Tolland County, Conn., March 30, 1811, son of William and Mary (Holt) Curtis. Mr. Curtis's father was a native of Connecticut, who followed the trades of tanner and shoemaker the

greater part of his life. He owned a farm of one hundred acres in Willington, which his sons conducted. He died in Willington, aged eighty-six years. He was a member of the Congregational church. His wife, who was a native of Willington, became the mother of nine children, as follows: Sanford, William, Horace, Sarah H., Alford, Wilson W., and Harvey, all of whom are now dead; Oliver H., the subject of this sketch; and Selden Curtis, who resides in New London, Conn. The mother died at the age of eighty-eight.

Oliver H. Curtis grew to manhood in Willington, Conn., and was educated in the schools of that town. He followed agriculture and other occupations until 1839, when he moved to Amherst, and bought the farm where he now resides. His property consists of one hundred and thirty-seven acres, which he conducted with satisfactory results until his retirement from active labor. He is a Republican in politics.

On November 14, 1837, Mr. Curtis was united in marriage to Emily Hills. She was born in Ellington, daughter of Leonard and Mary (Ladd) Hills. Four of her children are now living, namely: Chiara Ann, who resides in Florence; Emily A., who resides at home; Frank O., who is a resident of Amherst; and Samuel H., who resides at Hartford, Conn. Mrs. Curtis died March 27, 1888.

Mr. Curtis has been an energetic and successful farmer. He is highly esteemed by the community, and is the oldest resident in his neighborhood.

LYSANDER THURSTON, a well-known resident of Enfield and one of the most enterprising and successful farmers of the town, was born in Pelham, Hampshire County, on May 25, 1837, son of James and Maria (Gleason) Thurston.

Grandfather Thurston was a native of Litchfield, Conn.; but both he and his father removed to Pelham, Mass., of which they were early settlers. James Thurston was born in Pelham, February 8, 1787. At an early age he turned his attention to agriculture, and engaged in it near his birthplace until about 1846, when he removed to Enfield, and settled on the farm now occupied by two of his sons. He died there on April 7, 1866. On religious questions he was liberal. He gave considerable attention to town affairs, and served the town acceptably as Selectman and in other capacities. In 1843 he was elected to the State legislature. He cast the vote which elected Governor Morton, although at the time he was in a condition that made it necessary to carry him to the polling-place upon a stretcher. As a souvenir of that event his Democratic friends shortly after presented him with a cane.

He was twice married. Three children were born of the first union and six of the second. Six still survive; namely, Susan M., Olive, Almira, Royal G., Lysander, and Jason. Those deceased were: John T.; James; and Philander, who was born in 1837, and was the twin brother of Lysander. After graduating from Amherst College, Philander Thurston took a theological course at Andover Seminary. Soon after he engaged in preaching; and of his pastoral charges, all of which were in New England, the longest was that at Dorchester, Mass., where he remained for eleven years. During his lifetime he visited Europe. His last days were spent in Enfield, where he died, fifty-six years of age. His mother's death occurred on the same date as that on which his father died—April 7, 1866.

Lysander Thurston acquired his education in the public schools of Pelham and Enfield,

after which he attended Monson Academy. During the next ten winters he engaged in teaching; but he has since confined his attention to farming, in company with his brother Jason, who is three years younger than he.

They have two hundred and fifty acres of land, the tillage portion of which is kept in good condition. They raise a variety of grains, make a specialty of apples and other fruit, and also do a good dairy business. Their residence and general farm buildings are all in fine condition, and everything about the place betokens their thrift and enterprise. Neither of the brothers has ever married.

In politics Lysander Thurston is a Democrat, and was chosen a member of the legislature in 1890-91. He has also been active in town affairs, has been Assessor, and for nine terms has been a Selectman. Jason Thurston is also a Democrat. Regarding religious questions, both brothers hold liberal opinions.

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**J**OSEPH HEBERT, contractor and builder, manufacturer of lumber, and dealer in all kinds of builders' materials in Northampton, is a Canadian by birth and breeding, Montreal being the city of his nativity, and 1854 the year of his birth. He comes of French ancestry, his grandfather, Francis Hebert, having been a native of France, coming to Montreal as a government official, and being High Sheriff of the city of Quebec at the time of his death. He married Josephine Palmer, native of Boston, who lived more than a century, dying in Montreal at the remarkable age of one hundred and one years and two months, and retaining full possession of her faculties to the last. She bore her husband sixteen children, of whom her son Nelson was the father of Joseph Hebert.

Nelson Hebert was born in Montreal, Can-

ada, in 1826, and lived there during the earlier years of his life. He was a carpenter and builder by trade, and was engaged in these occupations in Northampton for some years, after which he went to Jamestown, N. Dak., where he established a successful business, building some of its finest residences and business blocks. Subsequently he returned to this city, where he died March 16, 1895, at the home of his son Joseph, leaving a handsome property to his heirs. He married Christiana Derwent, a native of Montreal, born in 1827, who now makes her home with her son Joseph. She is the mother of ten children, one of whom died when a little lad of two years. The others are all married, and one son is a prominent resident of Dakota.

Joseph Hebert is the second son and the fourth child of Nelson Hebert, and attended the common schools of his native city until he was eleven years old, when his parents removed to Northampton, where he has since resided. When thirteen years old, he began working at his present business with his father and a Mr. Stetson, and has since continued in the same occupation. Beginning to make contracts when a youth of sixteen years, his business faculties, which are naturally of a high order, have been well developed. By a strict attention to his business and honorable methods in his dealings he has won an extensive trade, and accumulated a large property. He established his well-equipped lumber yard in the winter of 1883, building the three sheds, one of them three stories in height and two hundred and twelve feet long.

In 1887 Mr. Hebert built his fine brick office, and put in his steam-mill, with which he manufactures lumber, laths, and shingles. He keeps on hand a complete assortment of lumber and building material, and employs from one hundred to one hundred and seventy-





JOSEPH H. KINGSLEY.

five men. Mr. Hebert has also other valuable property. He owns seventeen tenement-houses, besides two blocks in the business part of the city—one occupied by Lee's Hotel and the other by the Bay State House. Besides his own residence at 42 Cherry Street he has also two residences in Ware.

Mr. Hebert was united in marriage in 1874 to Delphine Beauregard, who, with her only child, died within a few years. He subsequently married Mary Beauregard, a sister of his first wife; and of the seven children born to them but two are now living. These are: Rudolph, in college in Canada; and Paul, a little lad of seven years. In his politics Mr. Hebert is independent of party. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the St. John the Baptist's Society. Religiously, he is a French Catholic, being one of the founders and strong supporters of that church in Northampton.

JOSEPH H. KINGSLEY is numbered among the intelligent and enterprising citizens of Southampton who are conducting farming operations with skill and success. He carries on general husbandry with extensive stock-raising and dairying, being a typical Hampshire County farmer. He was born on December 27, 1833.

His father, Zenas Kingsley, was a native of Westhampton, born in 1805, and for twenty-five years was engaged in the manufacture of woollen goods, owning a mill at Northampton. He subsequently removed to Stratford, N.H., where he carried on a successful lumber business until his death, in 1881. His wife, Susan Elwell, a native of Westhampton, died at the age of forty-four years. Nine children were born to them, namely: Susan Melissa, now the wife of H. M. Parsons, residing on a

farm in Westhampton; Edward W., also living at Westhampton; Joseph H., already named, of whom some further account is given below, and whose portrait also appears in this connection; Cynthia S., deceased; Zenas, who lost his life while in his country's service in the war of the Rebellion; Nelson Howard, a ranchman in California; Ellen Victoria, the widow of the late Enoch Perkins; Justus Holland and Fidelia M., both residents of Loudville.

Joseph H. Kingsley was reared on the paternal homestead, and assisted in its management for many years, living there some two years after his marriage with Elmina Norton, their union having been solemnized June 19, 1862. Mrs. Kingsley was born February 5, 1839, at Rochester, N.Y., whither her father, Horace Norton, had removed from Westhampton, the place of his birth, afterward making his home in Loudville. Three years after his marriage Mr. Kingsley bought his present farm, then containing one hundred and twenty acres of land, and placed it in a tillable condition. The soil has responded to his labors, and yields bountifully of the productions common to this section of the county, his more important crops being corn, tobacco, and hay. He has a large dairy, and realizes a handsome income from the sale of milk and cream. In recent years Mr. Kingsley has bought other land, his whole estate now aggregating three hundred acres, a portion lying in Westhampton, and some of his landed property being in Minnesota.

The following is a record of children of Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley: Horace Norton, born in 1863, died the next year; Nellie Howard, the wife of Mr. Edwin Clapp, of Westhampton, having two children, Raymond and Roger W.; Dwight H., born in 1866, a resident of Southampton; Edith Marian, born May 19, 1870;

Arthur Zenas, born in 1875; Delia E., born in 1875; and Georgia E., born in 1883. Dwight H. Kingsley has been married twice, his first wife, Hattie Powers, having died in early womanhood, leaving one child, Harry J. By his second wife, Florence Shelden, he has two children, Florence E. and Burton A.

Mr. Joseph H. Kingsley is a strong Republican, being a firm believer in the principles sustained by that organization, and, though not an aspirant for political office, served his town most acceptably from 1886 until 1890 as Selectman and Assessor. He and his wife are faithful members of the Congregational church.

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CHARLES N. POWERS, a well-known farmer of Greenwich and formerly a prominent builder, was born in that town, December 10, 1821, son of Stephen and Rebecca (Manley) Powers. Mr. Powers's great-grandfather was one of the first ancestors of the family to locate in Hampshire County; and his son Stephen, Mr. Powers's grandfather, was an early settler in New Salem.

Stephen Powers, Sr., served as a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War; and, after retiring from the service, he resided upon a farm within the territory now covered by the town of Prescott. He was a sturdy, industrious farmer, a prominent man of his day; and he died at the age of about eighty years. He married Elizabeth Hines, who lived to reach an advanced age. Their family consisted of six children, who severally became the heads of families, and of whom Stephen Powers, Jr., Mr. Powers's father, was the second-born.

Stephen Powers, Jr., was born in New Salem, now Prescott, in 1790. He was reared to agriculture; and, when a young man, he settled upon a large farm in the northern part of Greenwich. He was a stirring, energetic

man, and attained a position of comfort and prosperity. He died at the age of sixty-nine years. His wife, Rebecca Manley before marriage, who was born in 1789, became the mother of five children, as follows: Catherine M. Turtelotte, who died aged seventy years; Chandler M., who resides in Greenwich; Otis A., who resides in Westfield, Mass.; Philenia E., a resident of Worcester; and Charles N., the subject of this sketch. She died at the age of eighty-three. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Charles N. Powers, commencing his education in the schools of Greenwich, completed his studies at the select school in Prescott. He taught school for two terms, and then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed as an occupation in connection with farming for many years. In the course of time he became a master builder, and erected many fine residences in Greenwich and the adjacent towns, which are still standing to bear testimony as to the excellence of his work. He succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead, where he resided for over sixty years; and he successfully conducted the farm until 1884, when he moved to his present home. He still retains possession of a greater part of the older property, which originally contained one hundred and fifty acres. He is a Republican in politics, and has served with ability in various positions of responsibility and trust. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for several terms, was Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, and a member of the School Committee, and is at the present time serving as Town Auditor.

Mr. Powers married Rebecca W. Wood, a native of Prescott and daughter of Ira and Lydia Wood, whose ancestors were early settlers in that town. Mr. and Mrs. Powers have one son living—namely, C. A.—and

an adopted daughter, Ella L. C. A. Powers is an enterprising business man of Greenwich, who has succeeded his father in the management of the farm. He is station agent, and also deals in coal, wood, hay, etc. He married Sarah Scott, and has four children, three of whom are living; namely, Harry A., Marion R., and Clara A. Ella L. Powers is now the wife of C. A. Wheeler, and resides in Athol, Mass. Mrs. Powers is now deceased; and Mr. Powers has retired from active occupation in favor of his son, and is now resting from the cares of a busy and useful life.

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**F**RANK R. McLELLAN, a well-known farmer and blacksmith of Cummington, was born in Westbrook, Me., October 8, 1852, son of Samuel E. and Sarah E. (Babb) McLellan. Mr. McLellan's grandparents, William and Mehitable (Libby) McLellan, were natives of Gorham, Me., the former of whom was a large land-owner and stock-raiser. He also engaged in lumbering, and became a prominent man. William and Mehitable McLellan died at an advanced age. Their children were: Hugh, Ishmael, Martha, William, John, Eunice, Samuel E., Alexander, and Arthur.

Samuel E. McLellan, father of Mr. McLellan, was born in Gorham, Me., and, when a young man, learned the trade of a blacksmith. He located in Westbrook, where he successfully followed his trade for a period of forty years. He owned a residence and other property in the town. He also had a farm; and, as his sons grew up, they were trained to farming as well as to the blacksmith's trade. He became prominent in public affairs, serving as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Samuel E. McLellan's first wife,

Sarah E. Babb before marriage, was a daughter of John Babb. She died at the age of thirty-three, leaving five children: Daniel, Henry, Frank R., William E., and Charles J. Samuel E. McLellan married for his second wife Rosabel Bacon; and she had one child, named Winfield.

Frank R. McLellan was educated in the schools of Westbrook, and at the age of fifteen commenced to learn the blacksmith's trade with his father. When twenty-three years of age he came to Cummington; and, after working five years for C. D. Bartlett, he engaged in business for himself, occupying quarters in the Stevens Building, where he remained until burned out. After this he purchased the Cowen barn on Main Street, fitted it up as a shop, and has since carried on the principal blacksmith's business of the town. Subsequently he bought the Congregational parsonage, where he now resides, and has since remodelled and otherwise improved it. He also owns the Lovell lot, a valuable piece of meadow land in Cummington, and a small farm in Chesterfield, which he uses mostly for pasturage and its hay crop. Mr. McLellan is a Republican in politics, and is highly respected by his townsmen.

On June 30, 1873, he was united in marriage to Ida S. Stevens. She is a daughter of Nathan S. and Sybil (Cowen) Stevens. Mr. and Mrs. McLellan have two children, namely: Arlin S., who was born May 20, 1875, and is now a sailor in the merchant marine service; and Leroy F., born February 23, 1877, who has charge of his father's farming interests.

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**C**HARLES E. HERRICK, a machinist and manufacturer in Northampton, was born here, January 17, 1843, son of Webster and Melissa (Strong) Herrick.

His father, Webster Herrick, was born November 7, 1811, in Sangerfield, Oneida County, N.Y., but was reared in Worthington, Mass. From there, when a lad of fifteen years, he came to Northampton to learn the cabinet-maker's trade. He was one of four children born to Joseph and Jerusha (Parsons) Herrick, of Worthington. His father died in early life; and his mother subsequently married a Mr. Stowell, by whom she reared another family of children. She died in Peru, Berkshire County, at the venerable age of ninety-six years. Webster Herrick became very expert, almost an artist, in his cabinet work. Some of his handiwork is seen in the pulpit, communion table, and the chairs of the Edwards Church, which was dedicated in 1833. He travelled for some time, working at his trade when the opportunity offered. He was in Charleston, S.C., in 1834, and in South America in 1835 and 1836. Returning North he opened a machine shop on the site of the Lamb Wire Works, Northampton, in 1840. He remained there fourteen years, after which he built the large brick shop where his son, the subject, Charles E., carries on his business. He did a general line of mechanical and machine work, putting up one of the very first circular saw-mills in Massachusetts. He erected saw-mills in many different States of the Union, building about seven hundred in all, one year making as many as twenty-five to go South, in the interest of the American Machine Works of Springfield, Mass. He was married in 1840 to Melissa Strong, who died January 25, 1876, on the night of the Northampton Bank robbery, leaving but one child, Charles E., the subject of this sketch. Her husband survived her many years, dying August 2, 1892. He was a man of high moral principles and a strong advocate of the temperance cause. He was very patriotic and was prevented from tak-

ing an active part in the Civil War only by his lameness, from which he suffered from his boyhood. Both he and his wife were esteemed members of the First Church.

Charles E. Herrick had excellent educational advantages; but he did not choose to avail himself of them, preferring to enter his father's workshop, where he might exercise his mechanical talent and ingenuity. Succeeding to his father's shop and trade, he has continued the business, doing general jobbing and making a specialty of paper-folding machines and other devices.

The union of Mr. Herrick with Emma W., daughter of Roswell and Roxana (Hunt) Hubbard, of this city, was celebrated in October, 1864. They had two children: Edward W. and Annie. Edward W., who was graduated from the Boston School of Technology in 1888, is a mechanical engineer in New York City. Annie married L. B. Cipeland, of Omaha, Neb.; and they have one daughter. The mother of Mrs. Herrick was a daughter of Luther and Eunice (Alvord) Hunt. She was a finely educated woman, being a graduate of the Ipswich Academy, and afterward a teacher in the Bridge Street School and later in schools of Mobile and Tuscaloosa, Ala. Of her union with Mr. Hubbard three daughters were born, namely: Anna, who died at the age of ten years; Helen, who died when fourteen years old; and Emma W., wife of Mr. Herrick. She was for many years a singer in the choir of the Congregational church, having a very sweet and flexible voice. Mr. Hubbard was prominent in local affairs, and served as a member of the legislature. His wife outlived him many years, dying in 1892, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Herrick occupy the house at 20 Greene Street, in which her mother lived for upward of thirty years. Mrs. Herrick, who is an accomplished

and cultivated lady, was educated at the Maplewood Institute in Pittsfield, and has inherited the musical talent of her mother, being a fine pianist and, before she lost her health, a beautiful soprano singer.

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**M**ILTON S. HOWES, a prosperous farmer and produce dealer of Swift River, and a member of the Board of Selectmen of the town of Cummington, was born in Ashfield, Mass., February 14, 1857, son of Jonathan and Betsey (Williams) Howes. Mr. Howes's grandparents were Micajah and Roxanna (Cranston) Howes.

Jonathan Howes, Mr. Howes's father, was born in Hawley, Franklin County, Mass., April 5, 1808, and received his education in the town of Ashfield. In company with Nathan Williams, his wife's brother, he purchased a farm consisting of one hundred and sixty acres situated in Ashfield, where he followed agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred on January 25, 1860, in the fifty-second year of his age. Jonathan Howes was originally a Whig in politics, but later joined the Republican party. He was a respected citizen and a member of the Congregational church. His wife, Betsey Williams, was born March 29, 1817, daughter of Nathan Williams. She became the mother of eleven children, all of whom are now living, and are named as follows: Annis, Roxanna, Betsey S., Willis W., H. Maria, Augusta M., Harlan P., John L., Micajah J., Isabelle E., and Milton S. Mrs. Betsey W. Howes still survives and resides in Ashfield.

Milton S. Howes attended the schools of Ashfield, and at the age of twenty went to Florence, Mass., where he was employed in a meat market for one year. He then returned to Ashfield and engaged in the produce busi-

ness with his brother John L., buying farm products, which they shipped to Holyoke for a market. In March, 1886, he sold his interest in that enterprise to his brother and came to Swift River, where he has since been engaged in the same business. He is one of the Directors of the Cummington Creamery Association, and markets six hundred pounds of their product weekly. He conducts the J. Willcutt farm of three hundred acres, keeping twelve cows, some valuable young stock, and four horses which are constantly upon the road. His principal market is the city of Northampton, where he supplies many families with fresh country produce. Mr. Howes is a Republican in politics, and has been a Selectman of the town of Cummington for the past five years.

On March 19, 1879, Mr. Howes was united in marriage to Linda E. Willcutt. She is a daughter of Jesse and Mary (Dyer) Willcutt, the former of whom is a retired farmer of Swift River. Mr. and Mrs. Howes have four children, namely: Jesse M., born March 2, 1880; Howard M., born February 23, 1884; Almon D., born July 7, 1887; and Bessie L., born February 6, 1893. In religion Mr. Howes is of the Baptist faith, and Mrs. Howes is a member of the Congregational church.

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**F**DWIN CYRUS MILLER, teller of the First National Bank and a highly respected citizen of Northampton, was born May 10, 1868, at Haydenville, on the old farm which has been in the family over one hundred and sixty years. He is a direct descendant of one of the oldest families of this county.

His great-great-grandfather, John Miller, was the first settler of Williamsburg, Mass. In his early manhood he spent considerable

time in hunting and trapping. On his excursions for these purposes he became acquainted with the locality, where about the year 1735 he purchased nine hundred acres of heavily timbered land, paying one dollar per acre. He erected the log house which was his first home in the wilderness, on the hill near where a grandson and namesake afterward lived. A year or two later he built a frame house, the first erected in that town, and which stood until about 1879. Mr. Miller was a man of powerful physique, capable of great endurance and toil, and one who found keen enjoyment in the primitive frontier life which he had chosen. Of game, both large and small, there was an abundance; and the rivers and streams were alive with fish of various kinds. Danger, however, sometimes menaced his isolated home, for there were roving bands of somewhat hostile Indians; and some of his experiences were most romantic and thrilling. The Connecticut Valley History of 1879 has a full and interesting account of the Millers and of Mr. Fairfield. Mr. Fairfield, who was the second to settle in the district, was a kinsman of the Millers. Coming seventeen years later, he established his home near theirs. Mr. Miller died September 7, 1792, aged eighty years. His wife, Martha Miller, died November 24, 1805, at the age of eighty-seven years. They reared four children: Stephen; John; Cyrus; and a daughter who married Asa Wright, of Northampton. Their son Cyrus succeeded them on the old farm, where he spent a useful life engaged in farming, and died June 17, 1825, sixty-eight years of age. He married Miss Sarah Phinney, a daughter of Isaac Phinney, who came originally from Cape Cod, removing first to Hardwick and thence to Williamsburg in 1772, where he traded a side saddle for sixty acres of land east of the Haydenville church. Mrs. Miller was thirteen

years of age at the time of the Boston Tea Party, December 16, 1773. She joined the church at Williamsburg under the pastorate of the Rev. Joseph Strong; and in 1851, on the formation of the Haydenville church, she transferred her membership to the latter, although then ninety-one years of age. She and her husband were the parents of twelve children, six sons and six daughters. In 1879 there were four of the twelve whose respective ages summed up three hundred and forty-seven years, namely: Cyrus, aged eighty-two years; John, aged seventy-nine years; Mrs. Betsey Fairfield, aged ninety-four years; and Mrs. Sarah Graves, of Sunderland, aged ninety-two years. Their mother died on March 4, 1859, aged ninety-eight years and four months.

Cyrus Miller, second, the grandfather of Edwin Cyrus Miller, who was born in 1797, acquired his education in the district school of Williamsburg, two miles away. He, too, spent his life on the old farm. At the time of the Mill River flood, May 16, 1874, he and his family barely escaped a watery grave. He married for his first wife Miss Harriet Kingman Hannum, and for his second, Mrs. Philena Ford, a widow with one son. The latter union was blessed by the birth of three sons: Edward F. Miller, Arthur F. Miller, and Lewis C. Miller. Lewis C. resides at South Hadley Falls and has four sons. In politics Cyrus Miller voted the Whig ticket up to the time of the formation of the Republican party, which he afterward supported; but he was not a man to share in the excitement of political life. He was widely and favorably known as Major Miller, and led a most consistent and useful life. He was for years a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and on the formation of the Haydenville church he joined that society. He belonged to a family of great longevity. His sister, Betsey Fairfield, died

one hundred and three years old; another sister, Patty Holley, at ninety-seven years of age; and a brother died in his eighty-ninth year. His own death occurred in his eighty-seventh year, and his wife also lived to an advanced age.

Edward F. Miller, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born May 3, 1838. He also chose the independent life of a farmer and resided on three hundred of the nine hundred acres owned by his grandfather, John Miller. He took an active part in public affairs; and among the offices he was called upon to fill was that of Selectman, in which he rendered acceptable service during several terms. He also acted as Trustee of the Hayden-Sanders School Fund. In 1863 he was united in marriage with Miss Ellen N. Woodburn, of Grafton, Vt., a daughter of Samuel D. and Laura (Fay) Woodburn, both of whom were natives of Vermont. Her father was a talented and successful music teacher.

Edwin Cyrus Miller, the subject of this biographical sketch, received his education in Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, from which he graduated in 1882, at the age of fourteen years. He then secured a position in the Mill River button factory, which is the largest and one of the oldest ivory button factories in the United States. He remained there a year, and then, on September 20, 1884, he entered the Conway National Bank. He resigned this position in October, 1886, to take that of book-keeper in the First National Bank of Northampton. In a short time, at the age of twenty-one, he became the teller, succeeding Lucius S. Graves (now deceased), who left on account of poor health. Mr. Miller has rendered most efficient service in this position. On June 17, 1891, he was married to Miss Edith Dunbar Childs, a daughter of Henry Childs, of Northampton.

In politics Mr. Miller is a Republican, and is at the present time chairman of the Republican County Committee, Clerk of the Common Council, and a member of the School Committee from Ward Four. He and his wife are active and consistent members of the Congregational church. They reside at No. 74 High Street, a pleasant and modest dwelling surrounded with shrubbery and flowers, where they settled soon after their marriage.

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**B**ENJAMIN FRANKLIN DAVIS, a prosperous and practical farmer of Ware, was born at Three Rivers in the town of Palmer, Mass., on November 9, 1837, son of Benjamin, Jr., and Cordelia (Buffington) Davis, the former of whom was a native of Ware.

The Davis family are of Welsh ancestry. The earliest progenitor in this country of whom anything definite is known was Benjamin Davis, the great-great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He died at South Gore in the town of Oxford, Mass., in 1787, seventy-four years of age. His son, Crafts Davis, who was born in Oxford, in 1744, lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years. Benjamin Davis, the grandfather of Benjamin Franklin Davis, was born in Oxford on September 20, 1774. He was reared to a farm life and continued in it with advantage to himself, first in Oxford and later in Ware, whither he removed about the year 1800. He died in Ware on September 19, 1860, aged eighty-six years. His wife, Theodosia Davis, to whom he was married on October 3, 1796, reared nine children, all of whom married, except one daughter. Two are now living, namely: Dr. Willard Gould Davis, born March 1, 1815, residing in Dunnsville, N.Y.; and Sarah, the widow of Fisk Brooks, living at Stafford,

Conn., and now eighty-seven years of age. Her son, P. H. M. Brooks, is a high-rank mechanic in the Springfield Armory. Mrs. Theodosia Davis died January 29, 1861, at the age of eighty-four years and six months. Benjamin Davis, Jr., born in Ware, July 16, 1811, spent his early years on his father's farm; but when he started for himself he engaged in manufacturing, which he followed with success, first at Three Rivers and later at Thorndike, both in the town of Palmer, Mass. Then, in 1846, he came to Ware. He was married May 4, 1836, to Cordelia Buffington, a daughter of Royal Buffington, of Connecticut. Nine children were born of their union, and four sons and four daughters are now living.

Benjamin F. Davis received his education in the Ware High School and at Williston Seminary. He taught school for one winter; but after that he engaged in farming, which he has since followed with good success. He keeps a dairy of twenty-five or thirty choice cows, and has sold the milk in Ware during the past thirteen years. The products of his farm and dairy combined have in a single year brought him in about four thousand dollars, a good percentage of which is profit. In addition to his home farm he has three others, and in all owns about seven hundred acres of land. His success must be largely due to his apparently unfailing energy and industry. His day's work usually begins between three and four o'clock in the morning, and continues till late in the evening. He still enjoys excellent health.

On July 26, 1856, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Jane Phillips, of Chicopee Falls, Mass. She was a daughter of Walter Phillips, who came to Ware about fifty years ago. She lived to the age of forty-four years, dying March 4, 1882. Ten children were born of her union with Mr. Davis, of whom

nine are now living, namely: Jennie Fremont, the wife of Frank E. Morris, of Monson, Mass.; Emma C., who married L. Walter Newton, of Allegheny, Pa., and has five children; Mary E., residing at home; Benjamin F., Jr., a teamster and farmer, who is married and has one son; Anna Belle, the wife of Frank L. Boothe, of California, who has two sons; Cora Maria, who lives at home; Helen Augusta, living at home; Charles Henry, who is in the Sophomore class at Williams College; and Mabel Phillips, a young lady attending the high school. George W. Davis died on January 18, 1884, when but fourteen years of age. The daughters are graduates of Ware High School, and Miss Cora M. Davis spent one year in Wellesley College. Mr. Davis was again married on November 24, 1894, to Miss Susan M. Goyette, of Ware.

In politics Mr. Davis is a Republican. He has served his town as Selectman, Assessor, and in other offices; and in 1875 he was elected Representative to the State legislature for the Ware district.

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**C**APTAIN EDWIN C. CLARK, a much esteemed citizen of Northampton, Mass., was born here October 23, 1826, son of Allen and Sophia (Cook) Clark. The Clark family trace their lineage back to William Clark, who was born in England in the year 1609, and came to Massachusetts among the early colonists, being known to have been living in Dorchester in 1638, and to have removed to Northampton about twenty years after.

This progenitor, who, like his contemporaries, was engaged in agricultural pursuits, bore the title of Lieutenant and was a very able and public-spirited man. He served as Trial Justice and was often one of the Select-



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men of Northampton. Captain Clark has a souvenir of the olden times in the shape of a photographic copy of the autographs of the five Selectmen of 1666, one of whom was Lieutenant Clark. He was also a consistent church member and served as Deacon for many years. He died in Northampton in 1691. In 1880, in place of the simple headstone that had marked his grave, a monument of Quincy granite, costing five hundred dollars, was erected to his memory by his descendants, some ten of whom, including Captain Edwin C. Clark, were active in tracing the genealogy of the family.

His son, John Clark, who was born in Dorchester, as appears from the history of that town, also devoted much time and attention to public affairs; and in addition to the other positions of public trust which he filled he served as a Representative in the General Court during fourteen sessions. He was the father of ten children, by whom he had over eighty grandchildren; and, like his father, he held the office of Deacon in the church of which he was a member. His son, Increase Clark, was born in Northampton in 1684; and directly after him the lineal representatives are Daniel, born in Northampton in 1712, and Daniel's son, Deacon Solomon, who was also a native of Northampton, born in 1744, and who became a well-to-do farmer. He died in 1821, leaving a family of seven children, three sons and four daughters. A brother Daniel was one of the pioneer settlers of Ohio, near Cleveland, where he reared a family of ten children.

Allen Clark, son of Deacon Solomon, was born in 1789, was reared to the vocation of a farmer, and later became the owner of the old homestead, where his life was successfully spent as an agriculturist. He died in August, 1849. His wife, Sophia Cook Clark, was a

daughter of William and Annie (Gorman) Cook, both of whom were natives of Hadley, Mass. Their marriage was solemnized in Northampton in 1814; and they reared a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom Edwin C. was the sixth child and third son. The only survivors are Edwin C. and his sister Pamelia, the widow of Heman Smith, of Springfield, Mass.

Edwin C. Clark received a good common-school education, and remained on his father's farm until in his twenty-third year, when he was aroused by the reports of discovery of gold in California, and went thither by way of the Isthmus. He was engaged for a time as a placer miner on the American River, but a year later he came home; and in the fall of 1850 he secured a position in New York City as salesman and shipper for the firm of Beebe & Co., hatters, remaining with them four years. In 1854, returning to Hampshire County, he became associated with William Clark, under the firm name of E. C. Clark & Co., in the manufacture of lumber, which they carried on at Southampton, Mass., for five years, conducting a steam saw-mill, and during that time sold nine thousand cords of wood. He subsequently engaged in the livery business with his brother in Northampton, and later conducted it alone and on quite an extensive scale, having two stables with thirty to fifty horses. In 1877 he became superintendent of the Northampton Street Railway; and he also served as Treasurer from that time until 1893, rendering very efficient service in both offices. He has since lived retired from active business.

In 1861 Mr. Clark enlisted as Second Lieutenant in the Twenty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Burnside expedition, taking part in the battles of Roanoke and Newbern. In 1862 he re-enlisted

in the Fifty-second Massachusetts Infantry as First Lieutenant of Company C, and later received a commission as Quartermaster. He went to Louisiana under the command of General Banks, was present at the capture of Baton Rouge; he also served at Port Hudson, and was with his regiment when it ascended the Mississippi River. He was mustered out of service in the fall of 1863, at Greenfield, Mass.

On November 20, 1850, Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Miss Emily L. Hines, of Lee, Mass., a daughter of William and Hannah (Putnam) Hines. She was the eighth in a family of ten children, five sons and five daughters, of whom but three are living: Mrs. Clark; Sarah, the wife of John Williams, of Williamsburg, Mass.; and Marshall Hines, of Coltsville, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are the parents of two sons and two daughters, namely: Ida Beebe, the wife of Joseph Carhart, President of the State Normal School at St. Cloud, Minn.; Edwin C., who succeeded his father as superintendent of the street railway company; Mary A., the wife of E. V. Mitchell, of Hartford, Conn.; and William Clark, a coal dealer, residing in Lansingburg, N.Y. Mr. and Mrs. Clark began married life forty-five years ago; and the only death that has been in the family, which now numbers twenty-six, is that of a grand-daughter, Ida Clark, at eight years of age.

In political affiliation Mr. Clark is a Republican, and, though never a man who sought public office, has served acceptably as Alderman. For twenty-five years he was an active fireman and was the engineer many years. Mr. Clark is a Master Mason of thirty-four years' standing, and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He and his family reside at 94 Crescent Street, in their fine dwelling which was completed in November, 1892. A portrait of Captain Clark is placed on another page of this volume.



WEN McARDLE, of the firm of Owen McARDLE & Son, wholesale and retail liquor dealers of Ware, where they are doing a prosperous business, was born in Ireland, August 15, 1816, son of Patrick and Mary (McGeon) McARDLE. Patrick McARDLE successfully followed the trade of a blacksmith throughout the active period of his life. In 1845 he and his wife with three of their children came to America. He was between seventy and eighty years of age at the time of his death; and his widow, who died in 1878, attained the advanced age of ninety-six years.

Owen McARDLE grew to manhood in his native land. In 1841, in company with his brother Felix, and with only sufficient money to pay his passage, he took shipping for this country, and after a long and stormy voyage landed at Quebec. Soon after, he came to Ware, secured work as a currier, and continued at that occupation for several years. In 1876, at the introduction of the "local option" principle, he engaged in his present business of wholesale and retail liquor dealer; and in 1892 he erected his store at 2 Pine Street.

About the same time that Mr. McARDLE and his brother came to America, Miss Bridget Dolan, a native of County Leitrim, Ireland, sailed for the same general destination on the ship "Industry," under the command of Captain Barrett. On her arrival, after a tempestuous voyage of seven weeks, she went to Worcester, Mass., and later to Ware, where she secured a situation in a hotel. While here employed she made the acquaintance of Mr. McARDLE, and was subsequently married to him at Worcester, in the year 1850. Five children were the fruit of their union. Of these three reached maturity, namely: Owen H., who follows the trade of a mason in Ware; Francis P., living in Ware; and Michael John, who has charge of his father's store, and in

1895 became a member of the firm. Michael John received a good practical education in the public schools of Ware, graduating in June, 1880. Since that time he has been employed in his father's store. Though crippled and a great sufferer from his affliction, he possesses much physical courage, combined with considerable firmness of character. He is a man of literary tastes and inclinations; and, had he been favored with better educational advantages, no doubt he would have chosen an occupation more suited to his disposition. The family are influential members of All Saints' Catholic Church. They reside on East Street, where Mr. McArdle purchased his present home in 1855.



JOHN E. BATES, a resident of Northampton and senior partner in the firm of Bates, Lyman & Locke, was born in South Hadley, Mass., June 12, 1847, being a son of Emerson and Sarah Ann (Edwards) Bates. The Bates family originated in England, the first of the name to cross the ocean and locate in this country having been one Joshua Bates, who settled in Hingham, Mass., at Cohasset, at an early period in the settlement of New England.

John Bates, grandfather of John E. Bates, was born March 12, 1772, in Cohasset, and, when a young man, came to this county. He lived for a while in Chesterfield, and was there married to Nancy Cogswell. Soon after their union they removed to Westhampton, where their ten children, five sons and five daughters, were born, all of whom, except one who died in infancy, grew to adult life. Of these one daughter still lives. This is Mary Ann, widow of Asahel Judd, formerly a resident of Charlemont, but now of Aurora, Ill. Emerson improved his land and spent his life and remaining days upon it with his fam-

ily, dying March 12, 1856. He was united in marriage in 1833, to Sarah Ann Edwards, who was born at Roberts Meadow, Northampton, daughter of David Edwards, grand-daughter of Nathaniel Edwards, former well-known residents of the locality. For many years after their union they kept the hotel and toll-gate on the old Boston and Albany Pike, and also owned and operated a tannery. They reared five children, as follows: Henry E., a volunteer in the late Rebellion, Corporal of Company H, Fifty-second Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, born in 1844, died August 19, 1863; Mary A., the wife of T. C. Cooley, of Springfield; Catherine I., living on the old homestead; John E., the subject of this sketch; and Nathaniel Edwards, who owns and occupies the old home farm. The mother survived her husband, passing away March 22, 1895, at the good old age of seventy eight years. She was buried beside her husband in the South Hadley cemetery. The soldier son was laid to rest in the Cypress Grove Cemetery in Louisiana.

John E. Bates was a student in the high school when his eldest brother enlisted. The departure of his brother obliged him to give up his studies to assist on the home farm. This he continued to do until 1870, when he came to Northampton and secured work in the biscuit factory of Carr & Lyman, where he remained until the death of Mr. Carr, which occurred more than fifteen years afterward. Mr. Bates subsequently became a member of the new firm. The company was organized March 15, 1886, and has since carried on a flourishing business under the title of the Smith Carr Baking Company. This bakery was first established a century ago, since which time it has passed through different hands. The firm carry on a large trade. The factory at times has made one hundred and

seventy-five barrels of crackers per day. The larger part of this output consists of the Smith Carr Butter Crackers, which are unsurpassed by any other, and are extensively sold throughout New England and the West. The firm keeps three commercial travellers busily employed.

Mr. Bates was united in marriage October 1, 1872, to Harriet E. Wright, of Northampton, by the Rev. Ephraim M. Wright, formerly Secretary of the State of Massachusetts, and an uncle of the bride. Mrs. Bates is a daughter of Ozro C. and Emeline (Clark) Wright, her mother being a native of Easthampton and a daughter of Luther Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Bates reside at 14 Fruit Street, having settled in this locality soon after their marriage. Since then they have changed their residence but once, on that occasion having been compelled to do so by a fire which burned them out. This was in 1876, when they bought the Daniel Kingsley place. They are the parents of five children, namely: Clinton Monroe, born July 25, 1874, now in the office of the company; Edith W., born January 28, 1876, attending the high school; S. Emeline, born in October, 1880; Harriet I., born July 18, 1882; and Lucy A., born August 9, 1886. Mr. Bates evinces a warm interest in the progress and advancement of the city. In politics he is independent of party. He has served three years as a member of the City Council. He has passed all the chairs up to that of Clerk in the Canton, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a Knight of Pythias, and belongs to the American Legion of Honor and to the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

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ZIAS BISSELL OWEN, a retired farmer now residing in Ware, was born in Belchertown, Mass., on November 3, 1822, son of Ralph and Fanny

(Bissell) Owen, and grandson of Eleazer Owen, who was of English parentage.

Eleazer Owen was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. It is stated he enlisted at the age of fourteen years, and that at fifteen he was one of the most powerful men in the Colonial army, standing six feet in height and weighing two hundred and forty pounds. In 1794 he settled in Belchertown, where he purchased a farm and thereafter turned his attention to agriculture. He married Miss Abigail Bicknell, a farmer's daughter. They reared seven sons and three daughters. Two of the sons died unmarried, when but a little over twenty years of age. Their mother died in 1836, between seventy and eighty years of age; and their father in 1840, eighty-two years of age. They rest in the Belchertown cemetery.

Ralph Owen, whose birth occurred in Ashford, Conn., June 3, 1785, became a farmer, and, after his marriage, settled on the old homestead in Belchertown. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served his town acceptably as Tax Collector. He was a Past Master Mason, and a prominent member of the Congregational church. He died October 31, 1864, and was buried November 3, the day his son, Ozias Bissell Owen, was forty-two years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Fanny Bissell, was born in Manchester, Conn., on February 9, 1790. Their marriage took place November 9, 1807. Five sons and five daughters were born of their union, all of whom attained maturity. Three sons and three daughters are now living. One son, Charles M., born January 28, 1818, now residing in Osage, Mitchell County, Ia., is seventy-eight years of age. Their daughter Frances died in 1831, seventeen years of age; and their youngest-born, Willard, died at the age of seventy-two years. The mother's death occurred in

August, 1879, when she was eighty-nine years and six months old.

Ozias Bissell Owen after reaching the age of nine years was unable to attend school except in the winter sessions. He remained at home with his parents until thirty-three years of age. Before settling in the place where he now resides he lived for twelve years upon a farm of one hundred acres about four miles from Ware. His present farm contains thirty acres of land, and was purchased about seventeen years ago.

On November 20, 1855, he was united in marriage with Miss Maria P. Davis, of Ware, who was born March 7, 1832, and is a daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Hartwell) Davis, who were respectively natives of Worcester County and Sterling, Mass. Her father was a hotel-keeper and likewise filled the office of Deputy Sheriff. He died at the age of forty-four years, when Mrs. Owen was but six years old. He left a widow and four children, a son and three daughters. Joseph H. Davis died in Colorado in December, 1894, aged seventy-five years. Having been a ranchman in the Rocky Mountains located at the foot of Spanish Peak, his body had to be carried forty miles on a bed in order to have it prepared for burial in the East. The surviving members of the family are: Mrs. Owen; and a sister, Frances H., the wife of Mr. Stearns, of Warren, Mass. Their mother died in 1863, in the sixty-seventh year of her age. Mr. and Mrs. Owen have an adopted daughter, Harriett May Owen, now the wife of Charles F. Clark, of Ware; and they have one son, Francis Owen Clark, three and a half years old.

In his political relations Mr. Owen is a Democrat, as was his father before him. Their home is a pleasant and attractive one, and both are esteemed members of the community in which they live.



WILLIAM A. FALES, a prosperous farmer and a successful stone-cutter of Pelham, was born in that town July 5, 1828, son of Abijah and Mary (Woods) Fales. Mr. Fales's grandparents were Sewell and Lois Fales, the former of whom was a native of Holden, Mass. He settled in Pelham in 1803, and owned a farm in the northwest part of the town, which contained a great deal of valuable timber. He followed agriculture with satisfactory results until his death, which occurred at a good old age. He raised a family of ten children, all of whom grew to maturity, but are now deceased. His wife, who was a member of the Methodist church, died at an advanced age.

Abijah Fales, father of Mr. Fales, followed agriculture as his principal occupation. He settled upon the Wood farm, where his son now resides, and conducted it successfully. He also engaged in quarrying stone, which, as it developed into a profitable business, he continued until his death. He married Mary Woods, daughter of William Woods, who was a native of Hardwick, Mass., and became an early settler in Pelham, where he cleared and improved a good farm. Both he and his wife died in Pelham at an advanced age. Abijah Fales died at the age of eighty-one years. He was a Whig in politics and a Congregationalist in his religious belief. His eight children were as follows: Henry J., who died while serving as a soldier in the Civil War; William A., the subject of this sketch; Lois, wife of Samuel Wesson, of Worcester, Mass.; Lyman G., a resident of Easthampton; James M.; Anthea H., who lives at the old homestead; Caroline A., who also resides there; and John T., who resides in Newport, R.I. The mother died at the homestead in Pelham.

William A. Fales was educated in the public schools of his native town, and resided at

home until his majority. He then went to Amherst, where he was engaged in farming and in the stone business. In 1864 he moved to his present farm, consisting of sixty-five acres of fertile land. His house is a landmark of the town, over one hundred years old. In addition to farming he has conducted an extensive and profitable business in quarrying stone.

On April 15, 1856, Mr. Fales was united in marriage to Emma A. Ballou, born in Rhode Island, daughter of Silas Ballou. Mr. and Mrs. Fales had eight children, as follows: Anna, who died at the age of sixteen; Mary L., wife of Frank Roberts, of Adams, Mass.; Charles D., of Springfield, Mass.; Clara W., who resides at home; Jane E., wife of Leonard Ball, of Northampton; Emma A., wife of Edward Still, of Pelham; Kate B. and Sarah, who reside at home. Mr. Fales is a Republican in politics.

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JASPER E. LAMBIE, at the head of the enterprising firm of J. E. Lambie & Co., the leading dry-goods house of Hampshire County, is one of the foremost business men of Northampton. He was born in Hammond, N.Y., in August, 1843. His father, John Lambie, was born in Paisley, Scotland, in 1800. He was a son of the manufacturer of the celebrated Paisley shawls, and was reared to that business in his native land.

In 1821 John Lambie emigrated to America, settling in New York State. After coming to this country he married Ellen Morris, a native of Scotland; and they had a family of eight children, of whom three have departed this life, namely: Jane, who died at the age of thirty-nine years; Robert M., at one time engaged in the dry-goods business at Easthampton, Mass., but later a manufacturer in New York City, where his death occurred in 1892;

and Margaret, Mrs. Otis Gardner, who died the past year. The following are the living children: Christiana, the widow of F. W. Blackmore, residing in Hammond, N.Y.; William M.; John F.; Jasper E., of Northampton; and Martha M., wife of George L. Manchester, of Easthampton. The father passed from earth in 1884, and the mother some three years later at the age of fourscore years.

Jasper E. Lambie, eagerly seizing the opportunities afforded him in his youth for obtaining an education, after leaving the district school pursued the higher branches of learning at Gouverneur Academy and at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N.Y. In August, 1864, he joined the Ninety-first New York Volunteer Infantry, personally enlisting thirty-three men for his company. Mr. Lambie was appointed to a position in the commissary of musters department, being stationed at Baltimore until the close of the war. In the spring of 1866 Mr. Lambie first embarked in a mercantile career with his brother Robert, opening a store in Easthampton, where he continued for seventeen years, doing a thriving business alone after his brother went to New York City. Coming to Northampton in 1883, Mr. Lambie, bought out the establishment of E. G. Southwick & Co., and three years later took his brother John into partnership. They have a large store at 92 Main Street. The original building in which he began business was but seventy feet deep, and is still in the possession of the former owner. The additions, which include a three-story brick building, fifty-two by one hundred and ninety-two feet, have been erected and are owned by Mr. Lambie. Their business, which is conducted on the department plan, gives employment to twenty-five salesmen and saleswomen, the various departments embracing all kinds of dry goods, notions, and millinery.





JOHN L. MATHER.

On September 9, 1875, Mr. Lambie was united in wedlock with Henrietta E. Bryan, a daughter of Dr. Bryan, of New York City. Sorrow and joy, the common lot of mortals, have been theirs since marriage, three of the beautiful children born to them having been taken from earth. A son and a daughter brighten their pleasant home at 37 Phillips Place, the daughter Margaret being nine years old and the son Morris a sturdy lad of seven years. In politics Mr. Lambie is a stanch Republican, and has served two terms as Alderman and one term as Mayor. Socially, he is a Chapter Mason, being Past Master of the Ionic Lodge, Easthampton.

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**S**AMUEL P. ROHAN, of Ware, Mass., a member of the grocery and provision firm of Rohan & Brosnahan, formerly Rohan Brothers, was born in Enfield, Mass., August 29, 1858, son of Patrick and Johanna (McCarthy) Rohan.

Patrick Rohan, who was born in Limerick County, Ireland, in 1824, came to America when sixteen years of age, making the voyage hither in a sailing-vessel. On his arrival he went to Enfield, Mass., and engaged in farming. Some time after he moved to Belchertown. He was married in Enfield in 1844, when twenty years of age, to Miss Johanna McCarthy, who was two years his junior, and, like himself, a native of Ireland. He died in Enfield, leaving his widow with three sons and a daughter; namely, Samuel, David, William, and Nellie. The three sons were formerly members of the firm of Rohan Brothers. Their sister Nellie, who is book-keeper in the store, is a practical young woman possessed of much common-sense and business ability.

Samuel P. Rohan received a good education in the grammar and high schools of Enfield.

At the age of twenty-five years he engaged in selling goods for C. Hitchcock & Co., in Ware, a connection which lasted over eight years. On February 1, 1892, the firm of Rohan Brothers started in trade at the present stand of Rohan & Brosnahan. Business increased rapidly, and they soon had a patronage that ranked only second in magnitude to the largest obtained in the town. Samuel P. Rohan was married December 31, 1889, to Miss Julia Shugrue, of Hardwick, Mass., a daughter of John and Mary (Splarn) Shugrue, the former of whom is a successful agriculturist. Her mother died in 1888, leaving three sons and four daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Rohan have no children.

In his political relations Mr. Rohan is a stanch Democrat; while he and Mrs. Rohan are consistent members of All Saints' Catholic Church. They reside at 64 North Street, the attractive and comfortable home erected by Mr. Rohan in 1891.

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**J**OHN L. MATHER, mason, contractor, and builder of Northampton, was born in Amherst, Mass., January 9, 1851, son of William E. and Henrietta (Lyman) Mather. He is a scion of an ancient and honored New England family, the founder of which was the Rev. Richard Mather, a gifted divine of Dorchester, Mass., who was born in Lowton, Lancashire, England, in 1596, studied at Oxford, was ordained, and engaged in the work of the ministry before coming to Boston in 1635. He died in Dorchester, April 22, 1669. He was a son of Thomas Mather and a grandson of John Mather, of Lancashire, England.

The Rev. Eleazer Mather, one of the sons of Richard, was the first settled pastor in Northampton. He was born in Dorchester,

Mass., May 13, 1637, began to preach in Northampton in 1658, and was ordained in June, 1661. John L. Mather, the subject of this sketch, is a descendant of the Rev. Richard Mather's son Timothy, who was of the fourth generation from John, the next in line being successively the Rev. Samuel Mather, of the fifth; Dr. Samuel Mather, of the sixth; Dr. Samuel Mather, Jr., of the seventh; Elisha Mather, of the eighth, born in 1740; William Mather, of the ninth; and William E., of the tenth.

William Mather, son of Elisha, was an able farmer, possessing a farm on Pleasant Street, where is now the crossing of the Consolidated Railroad, and extending back to Hawley Street. He died August 5, 1835, aged fifty-nine years; but his wife, whose maiden name was Annie Clark, lived to be seventy-eight, dying March 22, 1854. They reared four sons and two daughters. The youngest, Sarah Ann Mather, was a teacher in Virginia some fifteen years, and died in St. Augustine, Fla., at the age of seventy-six.

William E., son of William and Annie (Clark) Mather, was a farmer in Amherst, owning a farm in that town some fifteen years. His term on earth comprised fifty-eight years, ending January 20, 1862. On June 15, 1848, he was united in marriage with Henrietta H. Lyman, of Hockanum, Hadley, Mass., daughter of Enos and Lydia (Wadsworth) Lyman, of Ellington, Conn. Enos Lyman was a farmer in moderate circumstances, and was a Captain in the militia. He died some years before his wife, whose death occurred in 1875, at the age of seventy-four. Mrs. Mather was born March 31, 1818, and was the eldest of ten children, and the only daughter. She lived through many years of widowhood, passing away May 19, 1890. She was a model wife and mother, a practical Christian, and was

a member of the Edwards Congregational Church. Two of her four children are living, namely: John L.; and Charles Dwight, a carpenter and builder residing on Pleasant Street, Northampton. George Howe died in early childhood; and Frank C., who was a mason by trade, died in August, 1892, at the age of forty-three, leaving a widow.

John L. Mather attended school at Amherst, Hadley, and Northampton. At the age of seventeen he was apprenticed to Daniel R. Clark to learn the mason's trade, remaining until twenty-one. He received five hundred dollars of the Oliver Smith Fund, and on attaining his majority bought his employer's business. From that time to the present the business has prospered under his management; and he has established a reputation for good workmanship and honest dealings that adds new prestige to the honorable name of Mather. One of his first contracts was the building of Cosmian Hall; and in the spring of 1874 he built the main building and the president's house of Smith College. He also erected the Hillyer Art Gallery of the college and many fine residences and school-houses in the vicinity, his business amounting to as much as one hundred thousand dollars in a year.

On February 25, 1891, Mr. Mather married Mrs. Ella K. (Child) Warnock, daughter of Henry Child, of Northampton, and widow of William Warnock. Mrs. Mather has two sons by her former marriage, Henry C. and William Harold Warnock, aged respectively seventeen and fourteen. One daughter, Esther Henrietta, born October 25, 1893, is the fruit of her union with Mr. Mather.

John L. Mather is a Republican in political views. He has served as Councilman, and is now one of the Board of Aldermen of Northampton. In Masonic circles he is prominent, being a Master Mason. His home is a hand-

some brick dwelling-house at 275 Main Street, which he erected in 1882 and moved into in 1883, installing as mistress his mother, whose gracious presence came to be missed a few years later in the spacious rooms now brightened by the smiles and voices of wife and children.

**C**YRUS F. WOODS, a successful business man of Enfield, was born in Belchertown, December 23, 1825, son of Zenas and Abigail (Forbes) Woods. Mr. Woods's grandfather, John Woods, served as a Corporal during the Revolutionary War; and his discharge from the Continental army, signed by General Washington, is now in the possession of his grandson. The family is of early Colonial origin. Mr. Woods treasures an old document relating to his ancestors, which bears the date of 1694. Zenas Woods, Mr. Woods's father, was a native of New Braintree, Worcester County, Mass.; and his mother was born in Bridgewater, Mass.

Cyrus F. Woods commenced his education in the schools of his native town, and completed his studies at the Quaboag Seminary in Warren. At an early age he went to Springfield, Mass., where he was employed in the dry-goods store of Samuel Bailey, with whom he remained for four years. Then, in company with others, he engaged in the same line of trade. After an experience of a few months in this enterprise he disposed of his interest, and went to New York City, where he was a clerk in a wholesale dry-goods establishment for one year. In 1851 he returned to Enfield, started a general mercantile business, and successfully conducted it until 1866, when he sold out again, and went back to New York City. He next engaged in stock-brokering in Wall Street, becoming familiar with the business methods of that centre

of finance. Subsequently he was for some time Vice-President of the New York Mining Exchange and President of the Consolidated Clearing-house connected with that institution. He also interested himself in the construction of railroads, making contracts to build sections of Cayuga Lake Railway, the Rochester & Pittsburg line, and sections of the New York Central. He was successful in all of his business enterprises, and continued to reside in New York City until 1884, when he once more returned to Enfield, which has since been his home. He is now engaged in the lumber business, and, in company with A. J. N. Ward, is conducting an extensive and profitable enterprise. He is a stanch Republican in politics, and during the years of 1864 and 1865 he served as a member of the Board of Selectmen of Enfield.

Mr. Woods has been twice married. His first wife, whom he wedded in 1873, was Josephine K. Crane. She died in 1884, and in 1893 he married for his second wife Caroline D. Jones. He is a member of Dr. Hall's Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City; and Mrs. Woods is a member of St. James Church in Philadelphia, of which the Rev. Dr. Blanchard is pastor. They occupy a handsome residence in the village, and Mr. Woods is a citizen of whom Enfield has every reason to be proud.

**J**AMES R. ANDERSON, general foreman of the Montague City Rod Manufactory in Pelham, was born in Lowell, Mass., March 27, 1859, son of Hugh and Isabella (Stuart) Anderson. Mr. Anderson's father was born in Ayrshire, Scotland; and in 1846, when he was eighteen years of age, he emigrated to the United States. He was a carpet weaver by trade, and followed that

occupation during his early manhood. He finally located in Belchertown, where he purchased a farm, and resided on it for the remainder of his life. He was energetic and industrious, and became a prosperous farmer. He was a Methodist in his religious belief and a Republican in politics. Hugh Anderson died at the age of sixty-three years. His wife, also a native of Scotland and daughter of a peasant residing upon a large estate, became the mother of two children, of whom one, James R., reached maturity, the other having died at the age of six years. The mother, who survives, now resides with her son.

James R. Anderson passed his boyhood in Springfield, Mass., and received his education in the schools of that city. In 1883 he was engaged as a book-keeper by the Montague City Rod Manufactory in Pelham, and later was advanced to the position of foreman of the Pelham factory. His thorough knowledge of the business, together with the energy and decision he displayed in the performance of his duties, was appreciated by his employers; and in 1885 he was appointed general foreman of the entire enterprise.

Mr. Anderson is a Republican in politics, and is prominently identified with public affairs. He is chairman of the Board of Selectmen and of the Board of Assessors and a member of the School Board. In 1890 he was a candidate for Representative to the legislature, and has been chairman of the Republican Town Committee since 1886. He is a member of Pacific Lodge of Free Masons in Amherst.

On September 8, 1885, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Mary M. Brainard. She was born in Pelham, daughter of John L. and Fidelia L. Brainard. Mrs. Anderson died August 10, 1889, leaving one child,

named Fidelia L. Mr. Anderson is a rising young business man, and is highly esteemed by his fellow-townsmen.

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JOHN J. KIDGELL, the well-known freight agent of the Boston & Maine Railroad at Ware, Mass., was born in the town of Pittsfield, Berkshire County, October 4, 1853. His parents were John and Mary (McCarthy) Kidgell, the former of whom was born in Limerick, Ireland, in 1825.

John Kidgell came to this country in 1848. On his arrival here he secured work as a laborer in the construction of the Western Railroad, now the Boston & Albany Railroad, and subsequently in a paper-mill at Middlefield, Mass. After his marriage he purchased a farm in that town, and on it he passed the remainder of his life. He died January 18, 1892. His wife, to whom he was married on January 1, 1852, was also a native of Ireland. She came to this country with her widowed mother, brothers, and sisters. She bore her husband eleven children. Four sons and two daughters grew to adult life. They were: John; Frank H., a painter, living at Gardner, Mass.; George, a locomotive fireman; Edward, a railroad employee, residing at Gardner, Mass.; Mary, who died at twenty-four years of age; and Elizabeth, who lived to be twenty-two years old. Their mother, who is now sixty-eight years of age, is living in Gardner.

John J. Kidgell received but a limited education. After reaching the age of ten years, he was able to attend school only during the winter months. When sixteen years of age, he went to work on the Boston & Albany Railroad, where he was employed for three years. He then went to Miller's Falls, Mass., as a telegraph operator for the Fitch-

burg Railroad Company. Eighteen months later, in company with a Mr. Conway, he opened a general merchandise store in Middlefield, where they conducted a successful business for two years under the firm name of Kidgell & Conway. At the expiration of that time he sold his interest to his partner, and went to Greenfield as operator for the Fitchburg Company. He was transferred a year later to Gardner, and soon after entered the employ of the Boston, Barre & Gardner Railroad Company as telegraph operator and clerk. In 1882 he secured employment with the Long Island Road at Huntington, Long Island; but in a brief time he returned to Gardner as agent of the Boston, Barre & Gardner Railroad. He had held this position three years when compelled by illness to abandon it. When after four months he was able to resume work, he found employment with the Long Island Company at Manhattan Beach and with the Boston & Lowell Railroad at West Boylston, Mass., for short periods. He then, in 1888, came to Ware to take his present position with the Boston & Maine Railroad. Having slighted none of his opportunities, he has become a most competent railroad man.

On June 10, 1890, he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine L. Curley, of New London, Conn., a daughter of Peter Curley, who is a native of Ireland. Mrs. Kidgell has a brother in New London, Conn., and in New Orleans a sister, named Mary—in religion Sister Anthony, of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Mr. Kidgell is a Democrat in politics, and he has been chairman of the Town Democratic Committee for four years. He has also served his townsmen most acceptably as Selectman for three years, for two of which he was chairman of that board. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and has

served as Treasurer of that organization for three years. He and his wife are consistent members of All Saints' Catholic Church of Ware.

**D**AVID A. JENNISON, proprietor of the Hampshire House in Ware, was born in Walpole, N.H., in 1837, son of John and Elvira (Russell) Jennison. His grandfather, who also bore the name of John Jennison, was a prosperous agriculturist. He married a Miss Moore, who bore him three sons and a daughter, as follows: Thomas, a farmer in Lancaster, N.H., who died past middle life, leaving two daughters; Ashley, who lived for a time in Lancaster, and afterward in New York State, and also died when past middle life, leaving a family of sons and daughters; Mary, the wife of Mr. Lovejoy, a merchant in Walpole, N.H.; and John. Their father died in 1825. His widow died several years later.

John Jennison, Jr., who was born in Walpole, N.H., in 1809, was brought up to farming; and he followed that occupation throughout his life in his native town. In 1829 he married Elvira Russell, a daughter of Thomas Russell, of Walpole. Nine children were born of their union, of whom seven sons and a daughter reached maturity. Six sons and the daughter are still living. They are: George, a successful farmer in Walpole; David A.; Charles, who served in the Civil War, and is now a commission merchant in Chicago, Ill., whither he went on his return from the war; Edwin, a carpenter in Walpole; Warren, who is also a carpenter, and resides in Athol, Mass.: Frank, living in Chicago; and Mary, the wife of Frank George, of Bellows Falls, Vt. John Jennison died in 1874, about forty years of age, leaving two sons and two daughters. The mother, after living to

the advanced age of ninety-one years, died in January, 1894.

David A. Jennison received a good common-school education. At the age of eighteen years he started out for himself. At first he worked by the month on a farm. This he continued until 1858, when he came to Ware, Mass., to drive a wagon for his uncle, George Jennison, who had a prosperous grocery store and bakery. He had spent at this about three years, when in 1861, joined by Mr. Burns, a baker, he purchased the business of his uncle. During the succeeding three years they did a fairly profitable business. He then removed to Walpole, spent a year on a farm in Westminster, Vt., and conducted one of the Meadow farms for two years. When he gave up his last occupation, he moved to a farm of one hundred acres previously purchased by him in Walpole, and carried it on for three years. Selling this farm, he engaged in the sewing-machine business in Keene, N.H., for two years, after which he rented the Ludlow House in Ludlow, Vt. Having conducted the hotel for two years, he sold out in April, 1874, took a lease of the Summit House in Athol, Mass., in the following June, and managed that for four years. He then came to Ware, and purchased the Hampshire House, for which he paid the sum of twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars. After running it for five and a half years, he sold the furniture, and gave a lease of it for ten years to John W. Lawton. Mr. Lawton died before the expiration of the lease; and in the winter of 1892 Mr. Jennison bought the interest of the estate, and has himself since that time conducted the hotel. It is a solid brick structure, three stories in height, contains thirty rooms, and is the leading hotel of the place. About the time Mr. Jennison leased the Hampshire House he purchased a farm of

one hundred and forty acres within the limits of the corporation, and resided there during a portion of the time that Mr. Lawton had charge of the hotel.

In February, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Brockway, a daughter of Jesse and Mary (Pratt) Brockway. They have lost the only child born of their union; namely, Norman Jennison, who died in 1873, at seven years of age. Mr. Jennison is a faithful supporter of the Republican party, though he has never served in office. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M. In religious belief both he and his wife are Episcopalians.

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 CHARLES E. BLOOD, a retired straw-goods manufacturer living in Ware, was born in Pepperell, Middlesex County, March 19, 1825. The Blood family trace their ancestry to the Thomas Blood portrayed by Sir Walter Scott.

Leonard Blood, father of Charles E. Blood, was born in Pepperell, Mass., in 1787. He was a cooper by trade. In 1829 he sold out his business in Pepperell, and removed to Ware, where he continued to follow his trade. He died there in 1870, eighty-three years of age. He married Miss Abigail Blood, a daughter of Amos Blood, who, though bearing the same name, was but slightly related. Mr. and Mrs. Blood reared a family of six children, four sons and two daughters. Of these Horace L., a painter, died in Worcester, Mass., aged thirty-five years, leaving one daughter, Marcia Ann, deceased, who married Zenas Marsh, but left no children. Ivory M. Blood was at one time a judge in California, was in the secret service of the government during the Civil War, more recently was a State detective of Massachusetts, and now resides in Washington. Henry Blood was

engaged in the manufacture of straw goods with his brother Charles E., subsequently served in the Civil War as Assistant Surgeon in the Fifty-seventh Illinois Regiment, and died at Fort Donelson of disease caused by exposure, leaving one daughter. Mary E. Blood died in her twenty-fifth year. Charles E. is the subject of this sketch. Their mother died in Ware in 1859, when about seventy-two years of age.

Charles E. Blood attended the district and high schools; and, when fifteen years of age, he entered the straw shop of Avery Clark, who was at that time the only manufacturer of straw goods in Ware. Five years later he left that position, and went to Medway, Mass., where he taught school during two winters, and also worked in the straw shop there. The work was then all performed by hand. He remained there until 1848, at which time he went to Sag Harbor, Long Island, established a straw-goods manufactory as agent for a New York house, and conducted it for two years. He next returned to Ware, and, in company with his brother Henry, erected a straw shop. The firm was dissolved two years later, after which he carried on the business alone. In this business he employed for part of the time about three hundred women and twenty-five men. He disposed of the business in 1875, and then purchased a drug store, which he and his son Fred conducted for about fifteen years. Although he has now retired from regular business, he is connected with various enterprises.

On June 10, 1850, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Perry, and their union was blessed by the birth of four children, namely: Frederick C., of Ware, who is married, and has four sons; George Franklin, a painter, who died when about thirty-two years of age, leaving a widow, but no children;

Gertrude C., the wife of Isaac Jeffries, of Ware, having four children; and Mary Eliza, who married Elliott Cleveland, of Athol, Mass., and has three children. Mrs. Blood died in 1891, sixty-five years of age. On May 27, 1892, he was married a second time to Mrs. Eucla Blodgett, previously Miss Spooner, of Ware.

Mr. Blood belongs to the Republican party, of which he is a faithful adherent. He has served most acceptably as Selectman for two years, Overseer of the Poor for twelve years, and Assessor for two years. He has also served on the School Board, and has been Special Commissioner of Hampshire County since 1878. He acted as clerk of Fire District No. 1 for several years, was for a long time the Treasurer of the Mutual Protective Association, and was also Treasurer of the Oregon Engine Company for a number of years. Mr. Blood is a communicant of the Congregational church, and served for several terms on the Prudential Committee. The family reside at 72 South Street, in the house erected by his father about fifty-five years ago.

**B**ENJAMIN T. HARWOOD, a prominent farmer of Enfield, also engaged in butchering, was born in that place on May 6, 1825. He is a son of Abel and Polly (Townsend) Harwood and a grandson of Benjamin Harwood.

Benjamin Harwood, who was born in Hardwick, Mass., was one of the early settlers of Enfield. He was both a carpenter and a blacksmith, and followed both trades throughout the active period of his life. He served acceptably as Selectman of his town, and also as a Representative to the State legislature. He was a member of the Orthodox church. His death occurred in Enfield village, when

he was eighty-six years of age. He was the father of seven children, all of whom attained maturity, but none are now living. They were: Betsey, Abel, Harriet, Benjamin R., Harlen, Ezra A., and Burnice.

Abel Harwood became a mechanic, and for twenty-seven years was employed in the Woods Brothers' card manufactory at Enfield. Later in life he engaged in the meat business. He lived but fifty-seven years, dying on the old homestead. His wife, whose maiden name was Polly Townsend, bore him six children, of whom four grew to maturity. Of these three are now living, namely: Benjamin T.; Myron W., a carpenter in Springfield, Mass.; and Charles E., a Congregational minister, living in Maine. The deceased were: William C., Elizabeth, and Reuel S.

Benjamin T. Harwood grew to manhood in Enfield, receiving his education in the public schools of that town. He then learned the trade of a butcher; and at his father's decease he proceeded to start in the business alone, and has continued to follow it since that time. For twenty-seven years he ran a meat cart throughout Enfield and vicinity. He has made a specialty of killing veal calves for the Boston market, slaughtering as many as nine hundred in a single year. He has been engaged in this branch of his business during the past forty-six years. In addition to his meat business he owns a good farm, which he carries on with success. On May 1, 1848, he was united in marriage with Miss Lydia P. Chaffee. She died on June 10, 1878. In 1881, on January 11, he married a second time, taking for his wife Miss Frances A. Hutchinson. He is the father of four children—namely, Charles E., George S., Willard I., and Clara J.—all of whom reside in Enfield; and the last named lives at home. Mr. Harwood is one of the best-known resi-

dents of Hampshire County, and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He votes the Republican ticket.

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**R**OBERT M. KEATING, Superintendent and Treasurer of the Keating Wheel Company, of which he was the organizer, and inventor of the renowned Keating bicycle, was born in the city of Springfield, September 22, 1862. His father and mother, Michael and Catherine (Devitt) Keating, were of Irish birth, and were small children when their respective parents emigrated to America. Michael Keating, who was a mechanic, spent his life in Springfield, where he died, leaving a family of five children: Robert M., then a little child too young to realize the bereavement; Brightie E., wife of Frank E. Burtwell, of Springfield, Mass.; Mary E., the wife of Mr. Joseph F. Quirk, of Springfield, who was for some years the general agent of the United States Mutual Accident Association of this city; Katie T., who is at home; and John D., who is in business with his brother Robert. Mrs. Catherine D. Keating is still living in Springfield, where her childhood, maidenhood, and married life have all been passed.

Immediately after completing the course of the city schools, young Robert, whose natural tastes all inclined toward mechanics, entered the machine shop of Richard & Dole, and there served an apprenticeship. He easily secured employment afterward in the city and vicinity, where his superior skill was speedily recognized, and brought its just compensation. While steadily engaged at his work, he received patents on several new inventions; and, when the bicycle was put on the market, he was among the first men in the city to own one. Mr. Keating worked in several bicycle



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manufactories, in one of the largest of which he was superintendent; and thus, having ample opportunities to observe the imperfections of the various kinds in use, he was led to make improvements. Before long he had designed, patented, and built the first model of his own invention, the wheel now known as the Keating wheel, which was the first light-weight bicycle ever made for road use. This was in 1890. The safeties had just come in; and Mr. Keating made many improvements in this style, besides originating the light-weight. The bicycles then in use weighed from fifty to sixty pounds, and Mr. Keating's thirty-two-pound racer was at first regarded as of doubtful success. Being firmly built, it kept its ground; and the subsequent build of racing wheels, which average from fifteen to twenty-one pounds, has proved his practical wisdom.

The Keating wheel having stood the test of many trials, he had no difficulty in organizing a stock company, which was incorporated a few years since with a capital of ten thousand dollars. At Westfield, Mass., the first factory was established, in which ten men were employed and during the first season seventy-five wheels were made. Seeing that a larger field of action was necessary for the success of the enterprise, the company moved the plant to Holyoke; and the capital stock was increased to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. In this factory more automatic machinery is used than in any other bicycle factory, much of which machinery has been invented by Mr. Keating. The establishment is a four-story building, covering an area of fifty thousand square feet of space. Its three hundred workmen produce ten thousand wheels annually. The company puts on the market wheels weighing from nineteen pounds up to twenty-three pounds, and conservative gaugers

pronounce the Keating bicycle factory the best equipped in the country. Mr. Keating has from the start been the Vice-President and Manager of this company, and its success is largely due to his foresight and capacity for business as well as to his mechanical skill and inventive talent. He is connected with other incorporated companies, but that bearing his own name naturally has the first place; and in its behalf his energies are always in requisition.

Political questions have thus far been of small interest to him, his faculties having been devoted to the perfecting of intricate mechanical appliances and the details of business management. He is yet unmarried, and lives with his mother at 30 Adams Street, Springfield, Mass. On another page of the "Review" will be seen a portrait of this well-known wheelman and prominent member of the Springfield Bicycle Club, Mr. Keating being not only a successful inventor and practical machinist, but an accomplished wheelman.

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**A**SAHEL GATES, a well-to-do farmer of Pelham, was born in that town, August 24, 1827, son of Levi and Anna (Houston) Gates. Mr. Gates's grandfather, Reuben Gates, was a prosperous farmer of Stowe, Mass. He moved to Wendell, where he died. Levi Gates, father of Mr. Gates, was born in Stowe, February 19, 1797. He was reared to agriculture; and in 1827 he moved to Pelham, where he settled upon a farm situated in the vicinity of his son's present residence. He was an industrious farmer, and became a prominent man in the town. He was a Whig in politics, and served as a Selectman and in other town offices. He was highly esteemed by the community, and attended the Congregational church. Levi

Gates died in Pelham, September 12, 1851. His wife, who was born in Pelham, March 1, 1799, became the mother of five children, as follows: Margaret, who died at the age of eighteen; Wealthy, a resident of Easthampton; Asahel, the subject of this sketch; Lansford, who has been janitor of Amherst College for twenty-five years; and Sarah A. The mother died March 21, 1847.

Asahel Gates was educated in the public schools of his native town, and resided with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-one. He then engaged in farming upon shares, being thus employed for five years in Amherst and two years in Chicopee. In 1859 he bought the farm where he now resides, and which originally consisted of one hundred acres. He has since enlarged it by adding a valuable wood lot. He carries on general farming, and deals in stock to some extent. Being a hard worker, he has earned the success which has rewarded him.

Mr. Gates has been twice married. On February 24, 1852, he wedded for his first wife Laura A. Barrows. She was born in the house where Mr. Gates now resides, April 8, 1827, daughter of Joseph and Patience Barrows, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer of Pelham, and died in 1863. His wife, who died in 1859, was the mother of five children, all of whom are deceased. By this union Mr. Gates has one son, George L., who was born in Pelham, January 8, 1856, and is a box manufacturer of Leverett. Mr. Gates's first wife died November 3, 1888; and on December 13, 1893, he married for his second wife Mrs. Roselend B. Ober, formerly Miss Cook, widow of Asa Ober and daughter of Nathaniel and Bethiah (Ward) Cook. Mrs. Gates's ancestors came from Rhode Island; and her grandfather, Eseck Cook, was an early settler and a prosperous farmer of Pelham.

He was a strict Quaker and an upright man in all of his dealings. He died at the age of eighty-two; and his wife, Thankful Cook, died aged seventy-two years. Nathaniel Cook, Mrs. Gates's father, was born in Pelham, and followed agriculture during his entire life. He was deeply interested in the welfare of the town, was a prominent man in his day, and was a Democrat in politics. Nathaniel Cook died in Pelham, aged seventy-six. His wife, who was a native of Belchertown, died in Pelham, aged sixty years. She was the mother of twelve children, namely: Sarah, deceased, who married George Gardner; Horace W.; Henry N., a farmer of Pelham; Roselend B.; Theodore F., of Pelham; Smith M., of Pelham; Fenner D., a mechanic of Florence; Delphia, who married Abner Peck, and resides at the Cook homestead in Pelham; Elisha W., a dentist of Cambridge, Mass.; Hattie E., widow of S. C. Neal, residing in Amherst; Mary, who married Fred Staples, and resides in North Attleboro, Mass.; and Elmira, who lives in Belchertown, and is the widow of Theodore Gould.

Mr. Gates is a Republican in politics, and has served with ability in positions of responsibility and trust. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for several years, has filled the offices of Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, and member of School Committee, and in 1874 represented his district in the legislature. He attends the Congregational church.

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**P**YMAN D. POTTER, a retired farmer and the chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Enfield, was born in that town, May 31, 1832, son of Benjamin F. and Lydia (Day) Potter.

Mr. Potter's father was born in North Brookfield, Mass., September 7, 1791. He

learned the trade of a brick mason, an occupation which he followed in early manhood. Later he engaged in agriculture, becoming a prosperous farmer, and continuing in that calling for the remainder of his life. He settled in Enfield in 1823, and purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres, which he cultivated successfully. He was also a horse dealer, making a specialty of buying and selling good horses. Another source of profit were his investments in outlying land. By industry and careful judgment he acquired through these means a comfortable competency. He was a Democrat in politics, was prominent in local public affairs, and served as a Selectman for two terms, besides holding other important offices. He died in Enfield, November 29, 1843. His wife, who was born in Holliston, Mass., in 1790, became the mother of five children. Two of them died young, three reached maturity, and one survives. The survivor is Lyman D., the subject of this sketch, who was the youngest. Those deceased were: Appleton, who died aged two years; Nathan, who died at the age of fifty-five; Henry M., who died aged sixty-two; and a child who died in infancy. The mother died in Enfield, August 10, 1868.

Lyman D. Potter received his elementary education in the common schools of his native town, and completed his studies at the Easthampton and Monson Academies. When eighteen years old, he engaged in general farming at the homestead. This property he inherited at his father's death, and he continued to reside there for nearly forty years. He devoted much attention to dairying, with the most gratifying results, and became exceedingly proficient in that branch of agriculture. In 1879 he sold his farm property, and, retiring from agricultural pursuits, moved to his present home in the village, where he has since

passed his time in managing his private affairs and attending to his official duties.

In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, and is a leading spirit in public affairs. For the past seventeen years he has been a member of the Board of Assessors; and for the past twelve years he has been in the Board of Selectmen, of which latter body at the present time he is the chairman. In 1884 he was elected to represent his district in the legislature, and performed his duties with marked ability.

Mr. Potter has been twice married. On October 25, 1855, he was first married to Jane F. Shearer, of Enfield. She died December 27, 1861, leaving two children, namely: Albert H., who died in 1863; and Charles F., who died in 1892. On March 24, 1863, he wedded for his second wife Mary J. Gleason, who was born in West Brookfield, Mass., March 29, 1834. Mr. Potter has been a stirring, industrious, and successful farmer, and is an intelligent and useful citizen. He is well known and highly esteemed by his fellow-townspeople both for his distinguished public services and his many amiable qualities. He resides in one of the most charming and picturesque locations in the beautiful village of Enfield. He is a member of the Congregational church, and has served as a member of the parish committee for the past twelve years.

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FREDERICK AUSTIN OSGOOD, a native of Hampshire County and a practical and enterprising agriculturist of Middlefield, Mass., was born in Worthington, February 23, 1859, son of George and Lucy Maria (Allen) Osgood.

His grandfather, Safford Osgood, who was born in Keene, N.H., lived in his native town until he was fourteen years of age. He

then moved to Lebanon Springs, N.Y., where he stayed for several years. He next went to Peru, Mass., and engaged in farming. Later on he moved to Worthington, where he passed the last years of his life. He died when within but three years of being a centenarian.

George Osgood was born in Worthington, and lived with his father until the latter's death. He then purchased the old homestead, which contained two hundred and fifty acres of good farm land. He was a mason by trade, and devoted his attention chiefly to that avocation, delegating the management of his farm to his son Frederick Austin as soon as the latter was old enough to take the responsibility. The father died July 18, 1889. The mother, a native of Washington, Mass., is still living on the old homestead. She and her husband had seven children, namely: F. A. Osgood; Alice; Eddie; Ida, deceased; Lena, who is a successful school-teacher; George, who resides at home; and a child that died in infancy. The children had few educational advantages, and were for the most part self-educated. In politics the father was a Republican. He was a popular man, and served his town several terms as Selectman.

Frederick Austin Osgood remained with his father until he attained his majority. He then worked in different places until his marriage, when he settled down to an agricultural life, in which he has been deservedly successful. In 1883 he was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Brown, who was born in Worthington in 1862, and is a daughter of Castanas Brown. Her father is a carpenter by trade, and also a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Osgood's home has been brightened by the birth of three children; namely, Lillian, Vrena, and Roy.

Mr. Osgood is a stanch Republican. He is actively interested in the welfare of his town,

which he has served acceptably as Road Commissioner for two years. He is well known throughout the county as a man of good business ability and upright character.

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**M**RS. MARY F. ANDREWS, widow of the late Willard G. Andrews, who died in Ware, Mass., on June 28, 1880, sixty-nine years of age, was born in Granby, Mass., November 6, 1813, and is a daughter of Timothy P. and Esther (Dunbar) Marsh, respectively natives of Old Hadley and Foxboro, Mass.

Her father was a successful agriculturist, and also engaged in the business of a clothier, having his cloth-dressing establishment on his farm. His wife bore him ten children, five sons and five daughters, all of whom, except two sons, lived to adult life. Three sons and three daughters married, and all except Mrs. Andrews reared families of children. One daughter, Laura, died at the age of nineteen years. Their father died in 1828, sixty-two years of age; and their mother in 1856, eighty years old. Mrs. Andrews was the ninth child born to her parents, and is now the only survivor.

Her marriage with Willard G. Andrews was performed in 1836. He was a son of Prince and Clarissa (Morse) Andrews, of Ware, and grandson of Phillip Morse. His parents had a family of twelve children, seven sons and five daughters. Of these, two sons died in infancy, and all the rest subsequently, with the exception of Calvin and Jerome, who reside in De Kalb County, Illinois. Their mother died in 1837, over eighty years of age. After Mrs. Andrews's marriage she and her husband lived for a year in Illinois. In 1840 they returned to Ware, where the remainder of the forty-four years of their married life was hap-

pily spent, and where she is still residing. Mr. Andrews, who was a highly respected and honored citizen of Ware, was a successful dealer in farm machinery, and had acquired a moderate competency before his death. Mrs. Andrews is a consistent member of the First Congregational Church of Ware Centre, of which her husband was also a communicant.

**J**OHN N. PITMAN, a prominent citizen of Pelham, who owns and cultivates a fine farm in that town, was born in South Kingston, R.I., May 19, 1828, son of George B. and Abigail (Nichols) Pitman, the former a native of Newport, born July 5, 1788, the latter of South Kingston, born September 13, 1792. George Pitman was a hatter by trade, but spent the greater part of his life in agricultural occupations. He moved to Pelham in 1830, and settled on the farm where his son now resides. His steady and judicious labor upon it greatly enhanced its value for his son. He died April 28, 1861. He was married March 5, 1820, to Abigail Nichols, who died March 27, 1845. She was the mother of five children, only one of whom — the subject of this sketch — is now living.

John N. Pitman grew to manhood in Pelham, receiving a good common-school education in that town. He became familiar with agricultural life on the home farm; and when a young man, he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked at intervals during his after life. He purchased many years ago the land which he now cultivates, and has spent many a busy day in the labors of husbandry, from the time

"When the summer calleth  
On forest and field of grain,  
And with equal murmur calleth  
The cooling drip of the rain,"

till the season when the forces of nature fall asleep under the stilling mantle of the snow. His estate comprises forty acres of land, which is devoted to general farming; and Mr. Pitman also has some fine live stock.

In politics he is independent. On religious subjects he holds liberal views. He is well endowed with the goods of this world, which he acquired by his own untiring labor, and is one of the oldest, as he is one of the most respected, residents of Pelham. Mr. Pitman is unmarried.

**A**LMER F. RICHARDSON, Town Clerk of Ware for nearly twenty years, was born there on October 21, 1847, son of Winthrop and Fannie D. (Thompson) Richardson.

Willard Richardson, his grandfather, followed the occupation of a farmer, and was also a nail-maker by trade, wrought nails being then in use. He was the father of three sons and two daughters, all of whom are now dead, although they all lived to marry and rear families of children. Winthrop Richardson, who was born in Brookfield, Worcester County, Mass., in 1804, turned his attention to shoemaking, and was also the owner of a small farm. He died in 1877, seventy-three years of age. His wife, to whom he was married in March, 1832, was a daughter of Samuel Thompson. She was born in Ware in 1805. Her mother, whose maiden name was Barnes, reared a family of two sons and four daughters, all of whom have since died. Mrs. Richardson bore her husband seven children, four sons and three daughters, as follows: Theodore, who died when about eleven years old; Adeline and Laurinda, who died in childhood; Edwin E. Richardson, now residing in Ware; Laura J., who married Henry H. Bush, and died in 1888, at forty-six years

of age, leaving two children; Alfred H. Richardson, living in Gilbertville, Mass., where he is engaged as the paymaster of the George H. Gilbert Manufacturing Company; and Almer F. Richardson, the subject of this sketch. The mother died in 1869, sixty-three years of age.

Almer F. Richardson spent the early years of his life on his father's farm. At sixteen years of age he began to work out by the month on neighboring farms during the summer; but he attended school in the winter season, passing in due time from the district school to the Ware High School. In June, 1865, he obtained a position as clerk in the general store of P. D. Willis, with whom he remained two years. The following year he had a similar position in the store of Harding, Woods & Co. at Barre, Mass., the next in the clothing store of Virgil Guild in Ware, the next two years in the general store of Calvin Hitchcock, and the next two years with C. F. Hitchcock & Co., of Gilbertville. On February 20, 1874, he came to his present store, and entered the shoe business as a partner of Calvin Hitchcock & Son, which afterward became the firm of A. F. Richardson & Co. On January 1, 1883, Mr. Richardson purchased his partners' interests, and has conducted the business alone since that time.

He was married on October 5, 1880, to Miss Amie L. Newton, a daughter of Stephen E. and Thirza L. (Pierce) Newton, of Hardwick. She died on July 26, 1881, leaving one daughter, Edith L. Richardson, who was then but three weeks old. Miss Richardson is now fourteen years old, and is her father's constant companion.

In general elections Mr. Richardson votes the Republican ticket. He has served one term of seven years as Justice, and has been reappointed for another term. In March,

1876, he was elected Town Clerk; and he has held the office continuously since that time. *Ex officio* he is a registrar of voters, and has a part in the naturalization of voters. He also does some probate business, being frequently engaged in the settlement of estates; and for fifteen years he acted as the auctioneer of that section. He is a member of the corporation of the Ware Savings Bank. In both business and political life he has won the respect of his fellow-citizens.

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**H**ON. BARNEY T. WETHERELL, widely and favorably known as a wealthy and influential resident of Southampton, is numbered among the leading agriculturists of Hampshire County, wherein a large part of his years of useful activity have been spent. He was born in Plymouth County, October 14, 1822, son of Tisdel and Elizabeth (Reed) Wetherell.

The father of Mr. Wetherell was a native of this county, and here grew to maturity. When a young man, he went to Plymouth County with a drove of cattle, and, being pleased with the locality, remained there some time, engaging in the work of laying stone walls. He also cultivated the acquaintance of a Miss Reed, whom he married, and a few years later returned with her to Worthington, where he lived a year, going thence to Holyoke, which was their place of residence until they finally went back to Plymouth County. Both he and his wife spent their remaining years in Middleboro, his death occurring in 1830, and hers in the same town in 1834. They were the parents of four children: Barney T.; Samuel, now a resident of Holyoke; Amanda, deceased, who was the wife of Mr. Henry Caswell; and Elizabeth, widow of H. Leonard, residing in Easthampton.



BARNEY T. WETHERELL.



Barney T. Wetherell acquired a practical education in the district schools in Plymouth and Hampshire Counties. At the age of twenty-one years he began working for himself; and in addition to general farming, which he carried on in Southampton, he was employed in getting out barrel staves, a most profitable industry. Ambitious, sagacious, and enterprising, not afraid to venture in new fields, he subsequently engaged in the manufacture of matches, still continuing his agricultural labors. In 1860 Mr. Wetherell bought twenty-eight acres of land, the nucleus of his present extensive farm, which now contains two hundred and twenty-five acres, he being one of the largest landholders of this vicinity and the heaviest tax-payer in the town. Fortune has smiled on his undertakings; and in the management of his farming interests he has met with excellent success, raising each year large crops of corn, hay, and tobacco.

In his early days Mr. Wetherell was identified with the Whigs; but on the formation of the Republican party he joined its ranks, voting that ticket until 1882, since which time he has cast his vote independently. He has ever taken an intelligent interest in politics, and has borne a conspicuous part in town and county affairs, serving efficiently in various local offices; and in the years 1890 and 1891 he represented his district in the State legislature, performing the duties of his position with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his worthy constituents. Socially, he is a member of the Golden Cross Society of Southampton.

On August 10, 1842, Mr. Wetherell was united in marriage with Adelia Maria Stedman, a native of Manchester, Conn., where her father, Reuben Stedman, a lifelong resident of that State, was then employed as a book-keeper. The golden anniversary of their

wedding day, marking a half-century of happy companionship, was celebrated in August, 1892; but a year later, on September 11, 1893, Mrs. Wetherell passed to "fuller life beyond." Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wetherell, namely: Georgia Annie, the wife of Mr. C. McLean, a prominent business man of Hartford, Conn.; Helen Adelia; Arthur B., a well-known physician of Holyoke and a valued member of the Masonic fraternity; Lois Stedman, wife of William Smith, of Holyoke; and one child who died in infancy. These children were all the recipients of excellent educational advantages, some being fitted for teachers, and one being a graduate of Harvard Medical College.

A faithful likeness of Mr. Wetherell will be recognized among the numerous portraits that illustrate this volume of local biographies.

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**D**WIGHT PARKER CLAPP, a merchant of New York, whose family resides in Belchertown, was born in this town, November 22, 1834. He is a descendant of Captain Roger Clapp, who emigrated from England to the Colony of Massachusetts Bay by the ship "Mary and John," and settled in Dorchester, Mass., in the year 1630. Captain Clapp in time became one of the foremost men in the colony. He was for many years Commandant of the fort in Boston Harbor, and was buried with military honors in the King's Chapel burial-ground at Boston in the year 1690. His descendants for two or three generations were closely identified with Colonial affairs; and for an extended account of them the reader is referred to a work entitled "Memories of Roger Clapp," which was issued by David Clapp in 1844, and may be found in the rooms of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Mr. Clapp's father, James Harvey Clapp, who was born at Northampton, March 5, 1792, was son of Ebenezer Clapp, who was born in the same town in 1730. Ebenezer Clapp was a son of Ebenezer, whose birth occurred in 1707. Ebenezer, Sr., was a son of Samuel Clapp, who, born at Northampton in 1677, died in 1761. Samuel Clapp was a son of Preserved Clapp, who, born at Dorchester, November 23, 1643, died September 20, 1720. Preserved Clapp was a son of the original ancestor of the family in America, Captain Roger Clapp, as above mentioned. Preserved Clapp moved to Northampton in early life, and purchased land, upon which he settled, becoming one of the first settlers of that town, where he engaged in agriculture. He was Captain of the town, Representative to the General Court, and Ruling Elder in the church. His son Samuel inherited the home-stead, where he resided his entire life. His third wife, who was Mary Sheldon, of Dorchester, together with the Rev. John Williams, was carried into captivity by the Indians of Deerfield in 1704. Ebenezer Clapp, who succeeded to his father's property, served as a soldier in Captain Phineas Stevens's company during the French and Indian War, and fought at "Number Four," now Charlestown, N.H., in 1746. He was succeeded in turn by his son Ebenezer, Jr., who married Nancy Tileston, of Dorchester, and moved to Pittsfield, where he died.

James Harvey Clapp, subsequent to completing his education, which was obtained in the common schools, settled at Belchertown in 1812, and married Marilla D., daughter of the Rev. John Francis, of Pittsfield, in 1815. Their eight children were: Juliet; John Francis, who founded the Belchertown Public Library; Ann Sophia; Everett; Jane Marilla; James Henry; Edward Lyman; and Dwight

Parker. James Harvey Clapp was prominent in public affairs, having served the town as a Selectman, and having been County Commissioner, and a Representative to the legislature for three terms. He was one of the proprietors of the old Boston and Albany stage line. A man of the most rigid integrity, he had the sincere respect of the entire community. His decease occurred in his eightieth year, on April 23, 1871.

Dwight Parker Clapp was very carefully educated, as were his brothers and sisters, in the common schools and the Monson Academy. Upon finishing his education, he immediately entered mercantile life in New York City, becoming a very prominent and successful merchant. In 1865 he wedded Miss Illie Crawford, of Cleveland, Ohio. Their only daughter, Illie Crawford Clapp, who was born in Brooklyn, is now the wife of William Burr Hill, a very successful attorney of that city, having one son, William Burr Hill, Jr., whose birth occurred in May, 1892. The children of James Harvey Clapp have always shown an affectionate interest in the welfare of their native town, of which the magnificent public library, founded by John Francis Clapp, is ample testimony.

John Francis Clapp, eldest son of James Harvey Clapp and founder of the Clapp Memorial Library, was born in Belchertown in the year 1818. By his will, probated in Brooklyn, N.Y., August 8, 1882, he bequeathed in trust to his brothers, Everett and Dwight P. Clapp, the sum of forty thousand dollars for the purpose of establishing a public library in his native town. By judicious investments the trustees increased the legacy to nearly forty-seven thousand dollars. The library building was commenced in the summer of 1883, and finished in 1887. A charter was granted the Clapp Memorial Library Cor-

poration by the Massachusetts legislature on March 31 of the same year. The library was dedicated on June 30, and opened to the public on the following September 1.

The library grounds have a frontage of two hundred and thirty-eight feet on South Main Street and a depth of two hundred and sixty-eight feet. The building, which is in the form of a Latin cross, is one hundred and two feet in length and from forty to fifty-five feet in breadth, with an octagonal tower at the junction of the cross section and main building sixty-five feet in height. It consists of a basement and two stories, and is built of Longmeadow brownstone, the roof and tower being covered with red tiling. A reading-room and stage are on the first floor, and are so arranged that they can all be thrown into one large auditorium, twenty-six feet in height and capable of seating five hundred persons. On the second floor there is a directors' room, and in the basement a room for classes. The present shelf capacity is fifteen thousand volumes, which, with slight alteration, can be increased to thirty thousand. At the north and south ends of the building are two large and beautiful memorial windows. The north window, presented by Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman in memory of her husband, Calvin Bridgman, who bequeathed four thousand dollars for the support of a public library, represents music. The south window was presented by Everett, Edward, and Dwight P. Clapp in memory of their brother, the subject being literature, and the figure symbolical of thought and repose.

The library now contains six thousand volumes, besides numerous periodicals and newspapers of the day, and is open daily in the afternoon to the reading public. It is an imposing structure, the main feature of the town, and a monument to the generous founder and

his sympathetic and noble-minded brothers, who have shown in various ways the interest they take in the welfare of their native village, all of whom are successful merchants in the metropolis. Everett, Edward, and Dwight P. have fine country residences for the purpose of spending the summer months with their families on their native heath.

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**J**USTIN W. KEITH, Town Clerk of Pelham, was born in Palmer, Hampden County, Mass., February 7, 1847, son of Ariel Cooley and Lodica (Daniels) Keith, the former a native of Enfield, born June 15, 1816, the latter a native of Ludlow, born May 26, 1821. Mr. Keith's paternal grandfather, Daniel Keith, was born in Bridgewater, Mass., in 1780. He owned a farm in Ware, and was actively engaged in agriculture during the greater part of his life. He died in Belchertown at the age of sixty-three years. His wife, whose maiden name was Lydia Frost, was a native of Ludlow. She was the mother of ten children, all of whom grew to maturity, but are now deceased. In politics Daniel Keith was a Whig. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church.

Ariel Cooley Keith, the father of Justin W. Keith, spent the early part of his life in New York State. He was for some years engaged in selling silverware, travelling from place to place, and visited many different States in the pursuit of his calling. In 1839 he purchased some land in Belchertown, and was engaged in farming on it for three years. Becoming dissatisfied with this life, he tried other ways of earning a livelihood. He finally settled in Palmer, Mass., where he was overseer of the Fondack Cotton Factory for nearly fifteen years. He performed his work in an efficient manner, was very popular with

the help, and was esteemed by his employers. But his health, impaired by the indoor work, compelled him to resign his position; and then for a short time he engaged in the livery business in Palmer. In the fall of 1857 he moved to West Pelham, where he resided many years while occupied in farming. His farming ventures turned out well this time, and the result was that he became the owner of considerable real estate in Pelham and in Fondack village. In 1870 he moved to the home where his son now lives, and there his last years were spent. He died December 2, 1880. In politics Mr. Keith was a Republican. He took a prominent part in town affairs. He was Town Clerk and Town Treasurer seven years. He was also Assessor and Tax Collector. His religious views were liberal.

On May 9, 1839, Mr. Keith was married to Lodica Daniels, daughter of Justin and Prudence (Shaw) Daniels. The father was a native of Ludlow, born in March, 1792, the mother of Palmer, born in September, 1793. Justin Daniels (the maternal grandfather of our subject) was a prominent citizen of Ludlow, who owned and industriously cultivated a large farm in that town. It is said that he was the owner of the first carriage ever seen in the town. His last years were spent in Wilbraham, where he died January 17, 1866. His wife had preceded him to the grave, having died in August, 1863. In politics Justin Daniels was a strong Whig, and he took an active part in the town government. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had two children: Mrs. Keith; and Marcus, born January 12, 1824, who resides on the homestead in Wilbraham. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Keith but one is now living: Justin W., the subject of this sketch. Ellen J., who was born Octo-

ber 29, 1844, died September 3, 1845; and Elmira J., born June 23, 1840, died October 26, 1853. Mrs. Keith is still living, residing with her son, Justin W. Like her parents, she belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Justin W. Keith was a boy of ten when his father removed to Pelham, and in that town he has resided for nearly thirty years. He received a good common-school education, and early engaged in farming, which eventually became his chief occupation. He now owns seventy-five acres of land, a large part of which is cultivated.

Mr. Keith was married in Boston, November 28, 1890, to Mary A., daughter of David and Emeline A. (Paull) Shores and granddaughter of Silas and Abigail (Stacy) Shores. The grandparents came originally from Taunton, Mass. Silas Shores was a Congregational minister, and in early life was a missionary. He had charge of a parish in Shutesbury for some time, and, when incapacitated for evangelical work by ill health, settled on a farm in that town, and there died at the age of sixty-one. His wife lived to be eighty-three years of age. The following children were born to them: Jemima, wife of Henry O. Bragg, of Foxboro; Mary C., wife of Warren S. Bragg, of Cambridgeport; and David, the father of Mrs. Keith. David Shores worked at farming in his early youth, and later engaged in the manufacture of charcoal in Shutesbury. In 1865 he moved to the eastern part of Pelham, where he now resides, carrying on general farming and charcoal burning. His average annual output of charcoal is fifty-two carloads — between fifty thousand and sixty thousand bushels. Mr. Shores is the largest land-owner and tax-payer in the town of Pelham. In politics he is a Republican. He served for some time as Se-

lectman, but his business cares are too great to allow of his holding public office. Mr. Shores was married December 7, 1845, to Emeline A., daughter of Nathan and Melita (Fish) Paull, the former of Berkley, the latter of Shutesbury. Mr. Paull was a carpenter, and was also actively engaged in farming. In politics he was first a Whig and then a Republican. He and his wife were members of the Congregational church. They were the parents of seven children, of whom four are living, Mrs. Shores being the oldest. Lucy A. is the widow of Stillman Clark. Lucetta H. is the widow of Windsor Smith, and resides in Warsaw, N.Y. Nelson W. resides in Shutesbury. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shores: Silas S., born in Shutesbury, February 23, 1847, a pension and insurance agent and Justice of the Peace in Pelham; David H., born July 17, 1849, a resident of Hyde Park, Mass.; Benjamin, born July 27, 1851, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor in Pelham; George H., born July 13, 1854, a resident of Springfield, Mass.; Jonathan E., born January 28, 1857, a blacksmith of Springfield; Charles B., born April 27, 1859, a carpenter in Amherst; Mary A., wife of Justin W. Keith; Nellie M., born in Pelham, November 24, 1869, who is still with her parents. Frank L. died August 27, 1865, in his seventh year. The two elder sons of Mr. Shores, who reside in Pelham, are unmarried. They are actively engaged with their father in the charcoal business. Mr. and Mrs. Keith have no children.

In politics Mr. Keith is independent, but favors the Republican party. He takes an active part in the town government. For thirteen years he has been Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. He has also been Tax Collector, and has filled other offices. He is a member of the order of A. F. & A. M., be-

longing to Pacific Lodge of Amherst and to the Chapter at Northampton. In his religious views he is liberal. Mrs. Keith is a member of the Congregational church.



HENRY C. DAVIS, one of the leading attorneys of Ware, was born at Three Rivers, Mass., on October 22, 1843, son of Benjamin and Cordelia (Buffington) Davis.

His grandfather Davis, who also bore the Christian name of Benjamin, was born in Oxford, Mass., in 1774, son of Craft Davis. He was a farmer in humble circumstances, and the larger part of his life was spent in North Brookfield and in Ware. He died in the latter place in 1860, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. He married Miss Theodosia Barnes; and their union was blessed by the birth of three sons and six daughters, all of whom lived to maturity, though two of the daughters died in early womanhood. The only survivors are: Dr. W. G. Davis, of Schenectady, N.Y.; and Mrs. Sarah Brooks, the widow of James F. Brooks, residing at Stafford Springs, Conn. Of the deceased, Mrs. Nancy Goodwin died at Springfield, Mass., in her eighty-sixth year, leaving two children. Mrs. Cynthia Loomis, who resided in Ware, died aged eighty-eight years, leaving one daughter. The Rev. William Davis lived to be eighty-six years old, and left at his death six daughters and a son, the Rev. William P. Davis, of Lebanon, N.J. Mrs. Almira Whittaker, who was born in 1802, died at the age of ninety-three years. The mother survived the father by two years, dying in 1862, eighty-six years of age. Both rest in the Ware cemetery.

Benjamin Davis, Jr., who was born in Ware, July 16, 1811, spent his early years on his father's farm. He afterward turned his

attention to the manufacture of cotton goods, which he followed with success for many years. He removed to Palmer, Mass., in 1836, remaining there until the spring of 1846, when he settled in Ware. Here he continued in the cotton-goods business until 1860, when he retired, taking up his residence on a farm situated about one mile from the village of Ware. He always took an active and prominent part in local and general politics; and, being a man of high principles and strong character, he was one of the leaders in all worthy enterprises. He was sent to the legislature in 1858, and for over twenty years he served as Assessor. He was a Democrat until the starting of the Free Soil movement, and was always a Republican after the fusion, about 1855. While holding the office of Assessor he was stricken with paralysis, from the effects of which he died within a year, on June 16, 1890, seventy-eight years of age. His wife, Cordelia Buffington, to whom he was married on May 4, 1836, was born in Connecticut, and was a daughter of Royal Buffington. The latter afterward removed to Palmer, Mass., where he followed the vocation of an agriculturist with success. He reared a family of four sons and four daughters, of whom two sons and a daughter are now living. These are: Jesse M. Buffington; Dwight Buffington, of Ware; and Mrs. Cynthia Aldrich, of Springfield, Mass. Their mother died at the age of sixty-nine years. Their father afterward entered into a second marriage, and lived to be eighty-seven years of age. Mrs. Davis bore her husband nine children, an infant son who died and four sons and four daughters who attained maturity, as follows: Benjamin F. Davis, who is extensively engaged in farming in Ware; George R. Davis, the Director-general of the World's Fair; Henry C. Davis; Jennie C., the wife of Albert L. Harwood, of Newton, Mass.,

where her husband is an able lawyer and influential citizen; Helen A. Davis, a retired school-teacher living at Newton Centre, Mass.; Mary A. B., the wife of Myron L. Harwood, of Ware; A. J. Davis, who is engaged in a general insurance business and is a large real estate dealer in Ware; and Georgia F. H., the wife of A. L. Demond, of Chicago, Ill.

Henry C. Davis acquired his education in the public schools of Ware, at Williston Seminary, and at the Harvard Law School, graduating from the latter in the class of 1868, after two years spent there. He was admitted to the bar in January, 1868; and, after about six months spent in the office of Bacon & Aldrich at Worcester, he opened the office which he now occupies. He is a man of strong characteristics and superior legal attainments, qualities which have brought him a lucrative practice. He is interested in various enterprises in his town, and does a large business in real estate and insurance.

On May 4, 1876, the wedding anniversary of both his father and his brother, Andrew J., he was joined in marriage with Miss Jennie A. Demond, of Ware, a daughter of Lorenzo and Jane (Masden) Demond, and a granddaughter of Alpheus Demond. The latter at one time owned a large portion of the town of Ware, including the sites of the large factories; and he was a leader in public affairs. Mrs. Davis has now two brothers living, namely: Alpheus Demond, of Rochester, N.Y.; and Arthur L. Demond, of Chicago, Ill. She has borne her husband three sons and two daughters, as follows: Henry C. Davis, Jr., living at home; John A. Davis, a youth of sixteen years, who is attending the high school; Marion, fourteen years of age, who is also in the high school; May, ten years of age; and Arthur L., who is seven years old.

In his political relations Mr. Davis is a Republican. In 1874 he was sent to the State legislature. He has also served in other public offices, among which may be mentioned that of chairman of the School Committee, of which board he was a member for about twenty-five years. He is a member of King Solomon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. His wife, a most estimable lady, is a member of the Congregational church of Ware. They reside at 12 Elm Street.

HENRY M. WOODS, a resident of Greenwich and prominent in town affairs, was born in Belchertown, Mass., January 19, 1828. His grandfather, John Woods, was a native of New Braintree, where his father, the great-grandfather of Mr. Woods, was a pioneer. John Woods, who was a farmer, was one of the brave patriots of the Revolution. At the first call to arms he left his plough and joined the Continental army, and did not return to his peaceful fields till the war was over. He had the honor of serving under the personal command of General Washington himself. His discharge, signed by General Washington, is still preserved by his grandson. Mr. Woods died on the farm at an advanced age. He was twice married, and reared four sons and several daughters, all of whom have passed away.

Zenas Woods, born in New Braintree, Mass., in 1798, who was the third son of his parents, left home at the age of sixteen to learn the clothier's trade at North Brookfield, and served an apprenticeship of five years, remaining until he was twenty-one. For the greater part of his life he worked at his trade, but his last years were spent in the cultivation of his farm in Belchertown. He died at the age of seventy-two. His wife, who was a

native of East Town (now Bridgewater), born in 1796, had passed away many years before, dying in her fifty-third year. Mr. Woods cast his first vote with the old Whig party, and his last with the Republicans. On religious matters he held liberal views, while his wife was a member of the Congregational church. They had three sons and one adopted daughter, namely: Joseph E., who died at the age of sixty-seven, July 3, 1891; Cyrus F., who is now living in Enfield, retired from active business; Henry M., the subject of this article; and Eliza J., widow of the late Mr. Wilson, of Madison, Wis.

Henry M. Woods grew to manhood in Belchertown, receiving his education in the district schools. He was reared to farm life, but spent some years in the woollen-mills. He worked three years in the mills of Enfield and one year in those of Granby, where he was eventually promoted to the position of overseer. On the death of his mother he returned to the home farm, where he remained until his fifty-fourth year, caring for his father and attending to the general work of the place. During this time he purchased other land, after which he owned in all about one hundred acres in Belchertown and Enfield. In 1882 he sold the home farm and moved to Enfield. Here he resided some four years, and then, in 1886, located in Greenwich on the estate which he now occupies.

April 27, 1848, Mr. Woods was married to Sarah F., daughter of Joel and Eunice Whipple, of Greenwich, where Mrs. Wood was born October 24, 1825. Two sons were born of this union: George E. and Charles M. The former, who was born December 26, 1853, is a resident of Guilford, Vt., and has a family of three children: Mattie A., Sadie J., and George N. Charles M. Woods, who was born January 6, 1855, died at the age of twenty-seven.

In political matters Mr. Woods favors the Republican party. Since taking up his residence in Greenwich he has given most of his time to public affairs, attending closely to the duties of his office as Selectman and as Overseer of the Poor, positions which he has held for many years. He is also a member of the Cemetery Commission. Mr. Woods was for over forty years a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife still belongs; but he is now connected with the Congregational Society.

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**H**ENRY B. ANDERSON, an able and practical agriculturist residing near Ware, was born in that town, May 28, 1853, son of Nathaniel H. and Lavasta (Ruggles) Anderson.

His great-grandfather, William Anderson, whose birth occurred in 1749, came to Ware as a young man and took up a half-mile square tract of heavily timbered land. He married Miss Sarah Holmes, of New Braintree, Mass.; and there, in a region that might well be called a wilderness, they reared a family of three sons and three daughters. Many and stern were the hardships they suffered. These were caused not only by the newness of the country, but also by the hostility of the Indians, whose descents more than once caused them to flee for safety to the fort near by. The price paid for the land was two cents per acre. By diligent work he soon had a portion of it cleared and producing crops of grains and vegetables. Both he and his wife lived to a good age, his death occurring when he was eighty-three years old, and that of his wife in her seventy-fifth year. They are buried at Ware Centre. Their son, Nathaniel H. Anderson, was married to Miss Salome Snell, a daughter of Thomas Snell, of Bridgewater,

Mass. He took his bride to the old homestead; and there they spent their lives, he in clearing the land and tilling the soil, and she occupied with her household duties. Five children were born of their union, two sons and three daughters. Of these, one daughter, Louisa, died at eight years of age. Susanna A., the wife of Emory G. Howard, died in 1891, seventy-eight years of age; another daughter died unnamed in infancy; and Erastus died when twenty-five years old, in the second year of his college course at Williams-town. Their mother was orthodox in her religious belief. Both parents died in early life, she in 1825, when but thirty-three years of age, and he in 1827, at forty-four.

Nathaniel H. Anderson remained on the old homestead, which he inherited after his parents' death; and his life has been spent there in successful farming. On March 20, 1845, he was joined in marriage with Miss Lavasta Ruggles, of Enfield, Mass., a daughter of Benjamin Ruggles. She bore her husband five sons and a daughter. The daughter, Elizabeth F., is the wife of Joel Nutting, who resides on the adjoining farm. Albert Carey, one of the sons, died in 1870, twenty years old. Edward N., another, born August 27, 1857, a young man of marked musical talent and possessing a fine tenor voice, having studied in Boston and London, taught both vocal and instrumental music, first in Ware, where for a number of years he acted as leader of the Congregational church choir, and later at the Union and Central Church in Worcester, at the Elms in Springfield, at the Hartford Theological School, and in Boston, where he had pupils. He was also a composer of music. His early death on April 1, 1894, at the age of thirty-six years, was a deep regret to all who knew him; and he had many friends and admirers. William Augustus, who is also a

musician and a professor of vocal culture, received his musical education under his brother's instruction. He still follows the vocation of teacher in Ware. George Walter died aged twenty months. Both parents are members of the Congregational church, of which the father is senior Deacon, having served over forty years. In politics he is a Republican, but votes the Prohibition ticket. He served acceptably on the School Committee, and also as Selectman.

Henry B. Anderson received a good practical education, graduating from the Ware High School. Later on he studied music in Boston; and, though his life work has been that of an agriculturist, he has given much time to music. He succeeded his brother Edward as choir leader in the Congregational church at Ware. He was married on February 27, 1884, to Miss Mary E. Bowdoin, who is a graduate of Ware High School, and who prior to her marriage was successfully engaged in teaching. She is a daughter of Jabez E. and Maria E. (Marsh) Bowdoin, the former of whom was born in Belchertown in 1825. He is a son of John Bowdoin, who was born in Ware in 1791, son of William Bowdoin. William Bowdoin followed with success the two-fold vocations of carpenter and farmer, and for many years served as Justice of the Peace, in which capacity he came to be known as "Squire Bowdoin." He married Miss Eunice Hixon, who became the mother of six children. After her death he again married, his second wife being a widow, Mrs. Nell Tyler Brigham; and she also bore him six children. He died in 1831, seventy-one years of age. His son, John Bowdoin, married Miss Hannah Lewis, who was born in Dedham, Mass., daughter of Jesse Lewis. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Jabez E. was the third in order of birth. Four are

now living, namely: William, residing in Colorado; Jabez E.; John A., living in Springfield, Mass.; and Emily H., who lives on the old homestead with her brother. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have two sons, namely: Arthur B., born June 4, 1888; and Herbert H., born August 19, 1893.

In politics Mr. Anderson is a Republican. The family reside on the Bowdoin homestead.

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FRED MERWIN SMITH, President of the Griffith, Axtell & Cady Company of Holyoke, Mass., was born at South Hadley, September 19, 1862. He is a son of the late Hiram Smith and Harriet S. (Coney) Smith. His father was born at South Hadley, July 24, 1824, and his mother at Ware, Mass., October 2, 1826. Hiram Smith was a business man and Postmaster at South Hadley Falls for a long period, he having held the post-office for thirty years. He died there in 1890, his widow, who still survives at the age of sixty-nine years, having been the mother of four children, two of whom, Hattie and Dwight, died in infancy. The remaining two are Fred M. and J. Belle, wife of Elwyn D. Newcomb, of South Hadley.

Fred M. Smith received his early education in the public schools of South Hadley and at the Williston Seminary in Easthampton, and, after finishing his studies there in 1880, entered Amherst College, where he was graduated in the class of 1884. Immediately upon completing his collegiate course he entered the office of the Springfield *Union*, while Joseph S. Shipley was editor of that newspaper; and, after being engaged in journalism for two years, he became Assistant Treasurer of the Valley Paper Company of Holyoke, where he continued for a period of three years. He then became Treasurer of the

Griffith, Axtell & Cady Company of Holyoke, which position he held until May 1, 1895, when he retired from the active management of the company, but is now its President. This company conduct a very large business in fine printing, engraving, and embossing, and maintain a constant force of about thirty skilled workmen, who are kept busy filling their many extensive orders, which come from all parts of the world, the company's reputation for this particular branch of industry having reached far beyond the boundaries of the United States. He is also a Director of the Holyoke Paper Company of Holyoke.

Mr. Smith is an active Republican in politics, and is at the present time Treasurer of the town of South Hadley, having now for five years held that office, in which he succeeded his father. He has served upon both the School Committee and Water Board for six years, and has been chairman of the Republican Town Committee for the last five years, it being a notable fact that the town of South Hadley introduced the Australian system of conducting caucuses a year previous to its having been adopted by the State. He is Past Master of Mount Holyoke Lodge, A. F. & A. M., also a member of Mount Holyoke Chapter and Council, Springfield Commandery, and of Aleppo Temple, Mystic Shrine, at Boston.

On April 28, 1892, he wedded Miss Evelyn H. Bardwell, of Shelburne, Mass., who was born July 19, 1861, and is the daughter of Orsamus O. and Helen (Packer) Bardwell, both of her parents being now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one child living; namely, Winthrop Hiram, born June 30, 1893, their second-born, Rachel Evelyn, whose birth occurred September 17, 1894, having died January 16, 1895. They reside at 54 North Main Street, South Hadley Falls, and are members of the Congregational church of that town.

 YLVANUS C. DAMON is prominent among the substantial and progressive agriculturists and business man of the western part of Hampshire County. He is a well-known resident of the town of Chesterfield, where he is the owner of a fine farm, which gives ample evidence of the skill and good taste with which it is managed, the homestead presenting a beautiful picture of quiet country life. Mr. Damon is a native of Chesterfield, born February 6, 1838, his parents, Salma and Hannah (Torrey) Damon, having been lifelong residents of this place. The paternal household was large, consisting of fourteen children, namely: Malintha; Fidelia; Lucretia; Emeline; Sylva; Rachael; Oliver; Ephraim; Nelson; Ann; Julia; Elizabeth; Sylvanus C.; and Lucretia, who died in infancy. The father was a farmer, and reared his children to the same healthful and independent occupation.

Sylvanus C. Damon was educated in the district schools and early initiated into the mysteries of agriculture; but, not finding the tilling of the soil quite congenial work, he drifted from the old homestead to Springfield when nineteen years of age, and found employment in a barber shop. He continued thus engaged for twelve years, being in business alone a part of the time. On May 23, 1861, while yet a resident of Springfield, Mr. Damon enlisted in Company F, under Captain Lombard, Tenth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Colonel Briggs. With his regiment he went to the front and took an active part in the engagements at Fair Oaks, Malvern Hill, and Antietam. He fortunately escaped being wounded, but spent some weeks in the hospital at Washington, D.C., and afterward received his honorable discharge at Downsville, Md., in November, 1862.

Returning from the field of carnage to



S. C. DAMON.



Springfield, Mr. Damon continued at his trade of a barber until 1865, when he came back to the place of his birth, and for the next two years rented a farm, carrying it on with such marked success that he then decided to make agriculture his future occupation. He accordingly purchased his present property, which consists of one hundred and twenty acres of choice land, the larger portion of which he has under excellent cultivation and on which he has made the greater part of the improvements. He is also the owner of Damon's Pond, a famous fishing resort for the sportsmen of Springfield, Boston, and other cities, who make a point of coming here each season to camp out and fish. The pond is one of the most picturesque in this region and covers one hundred and seventy-five acres. Mr. Damon is largely identified with the manufacturing interests of Chesterfield, owning and operating a saw-mill and a whip-butts manufactory, both located near his farm.

On November 21, 1857, Mr. Damon was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Elizabeth J. Burt, a native of Longmeadow, Mass., daughter of Anson and Ann Burt, both of whom spent their last years in Springfield. Nine children have been born of their union, namely: Frederick W., who married Grace Pearl, is a farmer, and resides not far from the parental homestead; Charlie, who died in infancy; Eva L., the wife of Francis Barker, of Cheshire, Mass.; Leon S., who married Sadie Hamel, and lives near his parents; Herbert S., living at home; Lillian J., the wife of Clarence Emerson, of Springfield; Nellie A.; Sylvanus C., Jr.; and Ernest Lester. All were educated in the public schools. Mrs. Damon is a much esteemed member of the Congregational church.

In politics Mr. Damon is an active and earnest Republican, uniformly casting his bal-

lot in the interest of that party. He has served with faithfulness in various offices, including that of Road Surveyor. Socially, he is a comrade of Baker Post, No. 86, Grand Army of the Republic, of Northampton. A portrait of this loyal and useful citizen of the republic is presented on a preceding page of the "Review."

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JEREMIAH C. BYRNS, of the firm of Byrns & Crowley, clothiers, and the popular and efficient Postmaster of Ware, was born in Westboro, Mass., on December 7, 1852, son of Jeremiah and Catharine (Murray) Byrns.

His father, Jeremiah Byrns, was born in Ireland in 1823. In 1845 he was joined in marriage with Miss Catharine Murray, and soon after they set out for America. Arriving here after a voyage of eight weeks, they settled in Boston, where Mr. Jeremiah Byrns engaged in business as a baker. About 1856 he came to Ware and established himself in the same business, which he successfully conducted up to the time of his death. He died April 2, 1890. His wife died seven years previously, in 1883. Six children were born of their union, of whom three sons and two daughters are now living. These are: William F. Byrns, M.D., residing in Washington, D.C., a graduate of Holy Cross College and of the Georgetown Medical College; James A. Byrns, a successful baker in Ware, the successor of his father in that business; Jeremiah C. Byrns; Mary, the widow of Phillip L. Keefe, residing in Ware; Elizabeth A. Byrns; and John Joseph, the latest-born, who died when two years old.

Jeremiah C. Byrns received a good practical education in the public schools of Ware. At the age of sixteen years he engaged in the bak-

ery with his father, remaining until he attained his majority. He then secured a position as salesman in the clothing store of F. N. Hosmer, by whom he was employed for six years. From there he went to Philadelphia, where he held a similar position, and thence to Washington, and later to Chicago in March, 1881. In Chicago he was employed for eighteen months in the Putnam Clothing House, and during the following two and a half years he worked for Wilson Brothers. On account of failing health he returned to the East on January 10, 1885, and in March, 1886, he was appointed Postmaster of Ware. He entered upon his duties in June of that year, and held the position for four years. On December 1, 1890, in company with A. G. Crowley, he embarked in his present business of a dealer in ready-made clothing and gentlemen's furnishing goods, under the firm name of Byrns & Crowley; and they are now doing a thriving business.

Mr. Byrns is a Democrat in his political views. In June, 1893, he received his second appointment as Postmaster, and has acted in that capacity since July 1 of that year. He and his family are members of the All Saints' Catholic Church of Ware.

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**F**RANCIS C. MONTAGUE, an enterprising and progressive farmer of Westhampton, was born August 5, 1859, on land now included in the present estate of the family, son of Alfred D. and Sophia (Clapp) Montague. Alfred D. Montague was born and reared in Westhampton, where he also received a substantial education. He began his career as a school-teacher, at the same time carrying on general farming. The best years of his life were spent on the farm where he now lives. He always took an interest in whatever

related to the moral or educational advancement of the town that came under his notice, and for many years was an efficient member of the School Committee. Besides Francis C. Montague he has four children, as follows: Edward H., who lives near the old homestead, married to Susan E. Parsons; Lovisa J., residing at home; Alfred D., Jr., now a member of the local School Board, married to Mrs. Emma F. B. Montague, and residing on the old Bridgman farm; and Harriet F., also living with her parents.

Francis C. Montague, the eldest child of the family, was educated in the best schools of the county. Having been bred to the occupation of a farmer, he has since made that his principal business. He is, however, a man of versatility, and can turn his hand to various kinds of labor. He began his agricultural career on his father's farm. In 1890 he purchased the Medad King farm, situated near the old home estate. In the management of this property he has been very successful. It has yielded him a good income, which has enabled him to make further purchases of adjacent land, so that now he is the owner of three hundred acres of as well-improved and highly cultivated land as can be found in this section of the State. Besides tilling the soil he is also engaged in stock-raising, and is an agent for the sale of sundry articles needed in agriculture. Among the latter are the fertilizer manufactured by the Chittenden Fertilizer Company, the McCormick harvesting machine, made in Chicago, and the newly invented McCormick corn binder, which has met with such a ready sale this year throughout the corn-raising States of the Union. Mr. Montague is a far-seeing and broad-minded man, generously endowed with persistence and enterprise.

On the 6th of December, 1882, he was united in marriage with Miss Alice R. Wood-

ard, born in Halifax, Vt., September 6, 1862, a daughter of the Hon. L. M. Woodard, who served his district for two terms as Representative to the State legislature. They had two children, one of whom died in infancy. The other is Grace W., who was born January 1, 1892. Mr. Montague supports the principles of the Republican party, and is one of the most active workers in the county. He has much public spirit, and spares neither time nor reasonable expense in advancing the welfare of his native town. Since attaining his majority he has been a member of the Republican Town Committee, and for several years has served as its Treasurer. In 1886 he was elected a member of the Board of Selectmen. He was again elected to the same office in 1892, and has continued in it since. He has not forgotten the religious teachings of his youth, and both he and his estimable wife are esteemed members of the Congregational church.



SMAN E. KNIGHT, a well-known farmer of Huntington, was born in Norwich, Mass., March 13, 1837, son of Whitman and Harriet (Park) Knight.

Mr. Knight's great-grandfather was born in Norwich, Conn., and settled in the village of Norwich, Mass., where he followed farming. He had a son Samuel, who was the grandfather of Osman E. Samuel Knight was born in Norwich, Mass., February 11, 1771. He married a Miss Wigat, and they had ten children. Of these, Whitman Knight, born May 19, 1798, was a wagon-maker; and he followed that trade besides operating a saw-mill and a grist-mill. He also engaged in agriculture successfully, and became a prominent man in the community. He was a Whig in politics, and served as Town Treasurer. He was also Postmaster of Norwich for over twenty years.

He was an attendant of the Congregational church. Whitman Knight died December 20, 1867. His wife was born in Norwich, Mass., August 31, 1808, daughter of Levi Park, whose wife was Esther Hannum in her maidenhood. Mr. Park cleared and improved the farm which Mr. Knight now owns and occupies, and resided there until his death. Mrs. Whitman Knight was the mother of five children, as follows: Angeline, deceased, who married E. T. Crosby; Julia A., deceased, who married Solomon L. Warner; Charles W., deceased, who married Lydia Leonard; Osman E., the subject of this sketch; and Samuel Henry, deceased, who married Laura Greenwood. The mother died August 15, 1867.

Osman E. Knight grew to manhood in Norwich and assisted his father in carrying on the mills. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for some time; but after his father's death he took charge of the home farm, and has since been engaged in agriculture, milling, etc. He devotes considerable time to the dairying, and raises some excellent stock. Aside from farming he operates a saw-mill and carries on a repair shop. Mr. Knight is a Republican in politics, and has always maintained an active interest in local questions. He has been Postmaster of Norwich since 1868.

Mr. Knight has been twice married. The first occasion was on June 15, 1862, when he was united to Ann M. Smith, born in Norwich in 1839, daughter of Horace and Martha (Perry) Smith. She was the mother of three children, namely: Adele, wife of J. B. Lyman, of Norwich; Gertrude J., wife of Marshall Smith, a farmer of Chesterfield, Mass.; and Frank, who died young. She died January 10, 1871. On August 10 of the same year he wedded Mrs. Mary Miller, of Holyoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight have two children, namely: Lillian, who died at the age of five years; and William O., who was born May 30, 1876, and resides at home. Both parents are members of the Congregational church.

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**C**HARLES HENRY BOYDEN, senior member of the firm of Boyden & Prescott, wholesale dealers of fruit and produce at Northampton, is a native of Conway, Mass., born February 10, 1852, a son of William and Maria H. (Bardwell) Boyden, the former of whom was born in the same place, on February 10, 1817, just thirty-five years before. The Boyden family have been among the well-to-do farmers of Conway for some generations.

William Boyden was reared on a farm, and succeeded to the occupation of his ancestors. He engaged in mixed husbandry until his decease, in October, 1874. In 1848 he married Maria H. Bardwell, who was reared in Whately and Chicopee Falls; and they became the parents of four children, all of whom married and have families. They are as follows: Cyrus James, a farmer living in Conway; Charles H., the subject of this sketch; Varnum Taylor, a conductor on the electric cars in Springfield; and George William, a painter and farmer in Conway.

Charles H. Boyden received a substantial common-school education. He left school at the age of fourteen years to assist on the home farm, whereby he became familiar with farming in the course of the following five years. From that time until attaining his majority Mr. Boyden worked by the month on a neighboring farm. He subsequently learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed three years. In 1876 he came to Northampton, securing work with the Northampton Emery

Wheel Company. He was box-maker at first, afterward a workman on the wheels, and subsequently foreman of the Crystal Emery Wheel Company. This position failing health obliged him to give up after five years. Mr. Boyden then bought the restaurant and confectionery business of A. Pitringer. He built up a very large and lucrative trade; and before selling to Daniels & Kellogg, seven years later, he required the assistance of thirteen persons. In 1893 Mr. Boyden embarked in a new branch of business, opening a store at 197 Main Street, for the wholesale and retail sale of foreign and domestic fruits and produce, occupying two floors. In connection with this he conducts an ice-cream and confectionery parlor. On March 10, 1894, Mr. Boyden took in, as a partner, Alfred C. Prescott; and these gentlemen have since carried on an extensive business, their annual sales amounting to from seventy-five thousand to one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Boyden is a member of the order of Knights Templars.

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**T**HOMAS F. CLARK, senior member of the firm of Thomas F. Clark & Sons, and a highly esteemed business man of Ware, was born in County Cavan, Ireland, in April, 1832, son of Michael and Mary (Farley) Clark.

His father was a weaver by trade and for many years was successfully engaged in that business for himself, using hand looms and employing four or five men in the work. He manufactured coarse and fine Irish linens, blankets, frieze jacket cloths, and similar fabrics. He died in Ireland in 1840, when about sixty years of age. His wife, Mary Farley, reared him four sons and two daughters. Of these, Ann became the wife of James Reilly, by whom she had two children. During

a fever epidemic in Dublin she, her husband, and children all died in a hospital there. The rest are: Margaret, who came to America when a young woman, and died in Globe Village, Mass., thirty-five years of age; Patrick, who came to this country about 1850; James, residing in Ware, where he is employed by the Otis Company, is married, and has a family of children; Thomas F.; and Thaddeus, a weaver, who is also married and has a family. Their mother died in Ireland in 1878, nearly one hundred years of age. She was a woman of more than ordinary ability, and retained a good degree of bodily health until her last days. Her aunt, whose maiden name was Dunn, lived to the remarkable age of one hundred and twenty years.

Thomas F. Clark began as a mere child to have some part in his father's weaving establishment. He was able to weave at an early age. When eighteen he came with his elder brother Patrick to America, making the voyage in thirty-four days. On his arrival the first work he secured was on a farm in Southbridge, Mass. After a few weeks spent there he obtained a position in the print works in Ware, which has since been his home. He began in one of the mills of the Otis Company. Here he soon proved himself a skilled weaver; but, though he operated three looms, he received only eighteen dollars per month. Board, however, was proportionately cheap at this time, it costing but six dollars per month. Within two years he was able to earn one dollar per day; and gradually advancing he became in turn overseer of the different departments from beaming to weaving, and finally of the finishing-room, where for some time he made as high as two dollars and seventy-five cents per day. He gave complete satisfaction during the thirty-five years that he was connected with the company. The

company now employ two of his sons in positions of importance. The firm of Thomas F. Clark & Sons was organized in 1882, and is composed of Thomas F., and his sons, James and Henry M. They have stores in Ware, Warren, and, until it was destroyed by fire July 4, 1895, in Hudson, Mass. They do an extensive and profitable business.

Mr. Clark was married when about twenty-one years of age to Miss Ann Dailey, whose birth occurred in Ireland in the town where he was also born, and where they played together as children. Their union has been blessed by the birth of six children, four sons and two daughters, all of whom are living. They are as follows: John Clark, superintendent of finishing in the cloth-room of the Otis Company, who is married and has five sons and two daughters; James Clark, also a superintendent in one of the departments of the Otis Company, who is married and has two sons and three daughters; Thomas F. Clark, Jr., in charge of the store at Warren, who is married and has one son; Henry M. Clark, manager of the stores in Ware and West Warren; Mary Clark, residing at home, a saleslady in Ware; and Katie Clark, who has been her father's housekeeper since her mother's death. The mother died in October, 1882, when she was fifty years of age. The family are members of All Saints' Catholic Church. Mr. Clark has occupied his present residence on North Street, nearly opposite the church, for the past twenty-five years.

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**T**HERON O. HAMLEN, an enterprising merchant and the Postmaster of Cummington, Mass., was born in that town on April 9, 1842, son of Theron A. and Clarinda (Orcutt) Hamlen, and a grandson of Isaac Hamlen.

Theron A. Hamlen was also a native of

Cummington, where he acquired his education. After completing his studies at the academy there he engaged as a school-teacher. Later he was employed for several years as post rider between his native town and Northampton. In 1848 he went to Bleecker, Fulton County, N.Y., where he first engaged in tanning. This employment, together with lumbering, made an extensive business, which he carried on until 1860, when he removed to Gloversville in the same State. There he became a contractor and speculator, buying land, erecting houses on it, and then selling. In this business he continued for the remainder of his life. His politics were Republican, and while a resident of Bleecker he served in the office of Town Supervisor. His wife, Clarinda Orcutt before marriage, was a daughter of John and Hannah (Richards) Orcutt. Her father was an enterprising and successful farmer and stock-raiser of Cummington, Mass., besides being an extensive wool buyer. She bore her husband one son, Theron O. Hamlen. After her death Theron A. Hamlen married Miss Mary A. Orcutt. Of this second union three children were born, namely: Flora C., who lives at Gloversville, N.Y.; Ida H., who died at twenty-three years of age; and John R., a resident of Gloversville, N.Y.

Theron O. Hamlen received his education in Bleecker, N.Y., and at Kingsboro Academy. He began his business career as assistant in the post-office at Gloversville, where he remained for five years. Following this he was engaged as a clerk in a dry-goods store for three years. He then went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he secured a position as travelling salesman for the firm of C. B. Smith & Co., dealers in fruits and fancy groceries. After nine years profitably spent in this way he joined his father at Gloversville, N.Y., in the building business, and three years later came

to Cummington, Mass., and served as clerk for Mr. Lyman. Not long after, in 1883, he purchased of D. W. Lovell a house and store on Main Street in Cummington, and opened therein a general store. Ten years later, in 1893, the business having outgrown the original quarters, he erected a new store, where he keeps a full assortment of such goods as are generally demanded in a country district. At the same time he built a house and barns.

On May 5, 1881, he was joined in marriage with Miss Hattie L. Lovell, a daughter of Jacob and Laura A. (Barrus) Lovell, and their union has been blessed by a son and daughter, namely: Esther L., born November 11, 1891; and Harold E., born February 5, 1893. Mr. Hamlen was appointed Postmaster in 1885, and has held the office continuously since that time. He is also the Secretary and clerk of the Cummington Creamery Company. His wife is an active and influential member of the Congregational church.

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**M**IRICK N. SPEAR, the well-known book-seller and newsdealer of Amherst, Mass., who enjoys the distinction of having been engaged in business here longer than any other merchant in the place, is a native of Shutesbury, Franklin County. He was born on July 28, 1825, and is a son of Eliphalet and Martha (Paul) Spear. His grandfather, Luther Spear, was an early settler of Shutesbury; and he also resided in other places in Massachusetts. He was a hard-working and successful farmer, and reared a large family of children, nine sons and two daughters, all of whom grew to maturity and married. He lived to be nearly eighty-eight years of age.

Eliphalet Spear was born in Shutesbury on February 28, 1789. Like his father he turned



MIRICK N. SPEAR.



his attention to agriculture, which he followed for several years in his native town. About the year 1824 he moved to North Amherst, where he purchased land. He was a man of industrious habits and successful in his chosen vocation. He died on December 15, 1865, about twenty-five years after the death of his wife, which occurred on July 31, 1840. Her maiden name was Martha Paul; and she was born in Shutesbury on July 23, 1791. They reared six of the seven children born of their union, but two only are now living; namely, Mirick N. and David C. The latter was born March 23, 1830, and resides in Easthampton, Mass. The departed are: Lusanna T.; Harriet A., who was born June 28, 1817, and died July 3, 1854; Mary Sophia, born October 25, 1819, died December 16, 1837; Martha E., who was born February 13, 1822; and Ebenezer, their eldest child. Both parents were members of the Baptist church. Eliphilet Spear voted the Whig ticket until the formation of the Republican party, with which he afterward affiliated.

Mirick N. Spear grew to manhood on his father's farm in Amherst, receiving a good practical education in the schools of the town. A farm life, however, did not accord with his inclinations; and in 1850 he established himself in mercantile business in Amherst, which he has followed continuously since that time. He was the first newsdealer and stationer in the town, and from a very small beginning his business has steadily grown until he now carries a large stock of books, periodicals, stationery, and school supplies, and also wall paper and fancy goods, keeping a first-class store, one that, it is hardly necessary to say in this educational centre, is well patronized.

He was married on May 27, 1847, to Miss Sarah A. M. Whitney; and after her death in 1860 he married for his second wife Mrs.

Della O. Washburn. He has buried two sons, Edward M. and Henry F., and has one son living, William N. Spear, who is employed as a hotel clerk in Buffalo, N.Y. Mr. Spear is a representative man of the town and an active and influential citizen. He is a Democrat in politics. Socially, he is a member of Pacific Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Amherst, and was formerly identified with Wells Lodge, No. 140, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which has since disbanded. In religious views he is liberal.

To make the acquaintance of Mr. Spear one should meet him among his books. A portrait on a neighboring page shows his features, but without the familiar surroundings.

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**J**OSEPH RAYMOND SMART GOULD, a veteran of the Civil War and a resident of Belchertown, where he was for many years engaged in mercantile business, was born in Bristol, England, January 3, 1833. His father, Joseph Gould, and his grandfather, Isaac Gould, were natives of Bristol, England. His father and an uncle emigrated to America, and, as far as is known, were the only members of the family to cross the ocean, except Joseph R. His uncle is supposed to have settled in Boston.

Mr. Gould's father, who was a cabinet-maker by trade, married when quite young, and soon after that event came to the United States. After residing for a period of eight months in New York he settled at Coventry, Conn., where he was employed as a carriage-maker by Lyman Hyde for thirteen years. In 1862 he enlisted as a private in Company H, Twenty-fifth Regiment Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. He served for a little more than a year, his term of enlistment, and participated in several memorable actions. Subsequent to

his discharge he returned to Coventry, where he continued to reside until the death of his wife. He then came to Belchertown and passed the remainder of his days with his son, his decease occurring at the advanced age of eighty-four years. His wife's name before marriage was Mary Ann Raymond. She was a daughter of Olson and Mary Raymond, respectively natives of England and Scotland. Olson Raymond died in his native land. Mrs. Raymond subsequently came to the United States and resided at Coventry until her decease. Mrs. Gould's mother, who died at the age of fifty-two years, reared seven of her twelve children; namely, Jane, Joseph, Mary, Martha, Olive, Sarah, and Julia.

Joseph Raymond Smart Gould attended the public schools of Coventry. At the age of nine years he commenced to earn his own living. Until he was fourteen he was employed much of the time in and about the glass works. He then began an apprenticeship of seven years at the house-painter's trade, which he subsequently followed until 1862. On August 8 of that year he enlisted in the same company and regiment that his father had joined, and was present at the battles of Irish Bend, Port Hudson, and Fort Donelson, and participated in the eventful Red River campaign. He was honorably discharged from the service August 16, 1863. Returning immediately to Coventry he purchased a water-power, established a carriage factory, and conducted it for a period of five years. He then moved to Belchertown, where he purchased a farm. After managing this successfully for five years more he sold it and purchased property in the village, whither he removed for the purpose of entering mercantile life. He first established a meat market, later adding a stock of groceries. This venture proved most profitable. He secured a very large patronage, which he steadily main-

tained until 1893, when the building and stock were destroyed by fire. Immediately following upon the disaster he purchased the Leach corner, which adjoined his property. Upon this he erected a handsome block, seventy feet front, having a depth of fifty feet in one part and of thirty-five feet in the remainder. The ground floor is occupied by merchants, and the upper floors are used for offices and as the headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In 1858 Mr. Gould was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Corbit, of Palmer, Mass. He has three children: Mary, William, and Henry R. Mary married G. B. Demorest, of Hackensack, N.J., and has one daughter, Sarah B. William wedded Gertrude Allen, and has one daughter, Florence G. Henry R. married Blanche Bridgman, and has three children, namely: Joseph R. S., Henry R., and Frances Lilly.

Mr. Gould is a member of Vernon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., a comrade of J. Griggs Post, No. 97, Grand Army of the Republic, and is connected with Richardson Grange. He has invariably supported the Republican party since its formation. He has served the town very acceptably as Road Commissioner, and was for eleven years a Selectman. He resides at his very pleasant home on Jabez Street, both himself and wife being members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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CHARLES F. A. WALSH, M.D., a practising physician of Hadley, was born in Boston, January 5, 1863, son of Richard W. and Helen Walsh. Richard W. Walsh, who is a native of Ireland, has always followed literature and journalism as a profession, and is at the present time connected with the *New York Recorder*. His

wife, who died when Dr. Walsh was very young, was the mother of six children, of whom John W. and the subject of this sketch are the only survivors.

Charles F. A. Walsh accompanied his parents to New York at the age of nine years, and received his education in the schools of that city and Brooklyn, and at Manhattan College. He began life by entering the newspaper business, later engaging in mercantile pursuits, in which he continued for some time, and then commenced the study of medicine. After graduating from the Long Island Medical College he located in Brooklyn, where he had a good practice until March, 1895, at which time he removed to Hadley. He has since established himself among the physicians of the town, and has succeeded in securing a large and lucrative practice.

In 1894 Dr. Walsh was united in marriage to Louisa Case, of New York City, and has one son, named Harold Towsley. Dr. and Mrs. Walsh are members of the Congregational church.

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JOHN T. BROSNAHAN, a successful merchant and undertaker of Ware, on Bank Street, opposite Ware Savings Bank, was born in the town August 25, 1857, son of Benjamin and Ann (Lynes) Brosnahan, and grandson of John Brosnahan, a skilful physician and the son of a lawyer. Grandfather Brosnahan had six children, of whom three reached adult life, namely: Ellen, who married a Mr. Brosnahan (not a relative), and went with him to Australia, both being cultured people and in good circumstances; Mary, who came to America, where she married Garrett Fleming, and spent the remainder of her life in Thompsonville, Conn.; and Benjamin Brosnahan, father of the subject of this sketch.

Benjamin Brosnahan was born in Ireland in 1815, and he came to this country about the year 1850. He followed the vocation of a school-teacher for many years, both in Ireland and in the country of his adoption, but never accumulated much property. He was married after coming to America to Miss Ann Lynes, the ceremony having been performed in Ware in 1851. She was also a native of Ireland, and came hither from County Kerry shortly after he did. Seven children were born of their union, of whom one son and three daughters are now living, namely: Mary Brosnahan, residing in Westfield, Mass.; John T. Brosnahan; Ellen Brosnahan, residing in Ware; and Margaret, who also resides in Ware. Mary Brosnahan follows the occupation of a seamstress, and her sisters are mill operatives. Their father died in 1878, and their mother two years later, fifty-six years of age.

John T. Brosnahan received a limited common-school education. At the age of nine years he went to work in the old brick mill as doffer, at a salary of about forty cents per day. He was employed in this way for two years, attending school during the winter months. When he was sixteen years old he commenced to work the year round, and secured a position in the Stephens Mill; but he afterward returned to the old brick mill, and for six years worked there as a weaver. He wove some of the blue drilling shown at the Centennial Exhibition of 1876. He next became a clerk in the store of J. Keefe & Co., dealers in general merchandise, who also carried a line of caskets and undertakers' supplies. The store was managed by a brother of Mr. Keefe until his death. This event happened four years ago, when Mr. Brosnahan became manager. He acted in this capacity up to September, 1895, at which time he resigned and formed a co-partnership with Samuel Rohan. The busi-

ness so prospered under Mr. Brosnahan's management that four persons are now employed where two were formerly sufficient; and there are now but two or three larger general merchandise establishments in Ware, while the house does the largest undertaking business in that section. Mr. Brosnahan possesses natural talents for business. His pleasing address, joined to his perseverance and his habit of close attention, are sure to succeed anywhere. In his new venture he has the best wishes of the business men of Ware. On June 26 last he was granted a diploma from the Oriental School of Embalming at Boston, Mass., certifying that he is well qualified as a competent embalmer of the dead.

On September 24, 1884, he was joined in marriage to Miss Sarah Barrett, born in Canada, a daughter of Morris Barrett and his wife, whose maiden name was Rollins. Both her parents are now dead. She has borne her husband six children, as follows: John, nine years old; Mary, who is seven years of age; Mildred, two years younger; Rose, three years of age; Walter, who is two years old; and Agnes Catherine, an infant. Mr. Brosnahan casts his vote with the Democratic party. He has served his townsmen six years as Overseer of the Poor, and is a member of the Democratic Town Committee. He is a member of the Visiting Committee of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, with which he is affiliated; and he and his wife are worshippers at the Catholic Church of All Saints'.

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**J**OHN L. BOSWORTH, a representative farmer of Southampton, was born March 31, 1826, in Montgomery, son of Nelson and Mary (Gorham) Bosworth.

Nelson Bosworth was by birth and occupation a farmer, which vocation he successfully

pursued until his death in 1871. His wife was born in Poultney, Vt. The marriage ceremony was performed in Montgomery, and her death occurred in Southampton in 1881. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Nelson A., of Westfield; John L., the subject of this sketch; Amelia A., deceased; Reuben E., of Southampton; Adeline C., now residing at Hoosick Falls, N.Y.; Caroline D., deceased; Harriet A., of Bellows Falls, Vt.; and Lycratus K., of Huntington.

In common with his brothers and sisters John L. Bosworth got his education in the district schools of his native town, and, soon after entering his teens, began to be self-supporting. He was very industrious and economical, and before he had attained his majority he had paid his father six hundred dollars of his earnings, the greater part of which he had obtained by cutting wood at fifty cents a cord. When twenty years of age he applied himself to learn the carpenter's trade, at which he subsequently worked for six years. He then invested a portion of his savings in a team, and began the business of teaming and freighting in Conway, at which he continued for three years. Mr. Bosworth then disposed of that business and bought out a livery stable. He conducted this place for eighteen months, when he traded it for real estate in Conway. Later he sold this property to his father-in-law, Eliphael Morse, and removed to Springfield, where he was employed in the United States Armory, under the supervision of General Whitney. From there he came to Southampton in 1859 and purchased the farm on which he has since resided. This estate contains one hundred acres of land, sixty acres of which are under cultivation. Mr. Bosworth gives it his time and attention unstintedly, and in the manner most conducive to success.

Mr. Bosworth was first married February

16, 1854, to Sarah S. Morse, a native of Conway and a daughter of the late Eliphas and Sarah Morse. She departed this life August 10, 1877, leaving no children. On February 16, 1878, Mr. Bosworth was again united in marriage with Susan A. Hawley, a native of Amherst, Mass., and a daughter of Horace and Sarah Hawley. Her father is deceased, and her mother is still a resident of Amherst, making her home with her children. Of this union two children have been born: Nelson E. and Edna S. He is a staunch Democrat in politics, and while in Conway served his fellow-townsmen as Constable, Collector of Taxes, and in other offices. Both he and his wife are sincere Christian workers in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church of Easthampton, of which society they are valued members. Mr. Bosworth has been Trustee of the church for many years.

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JOHN C. THORPE, a respected and popular farmer and dairyman at Mountain Park, Northampton, was born in his present home March 19, 1832, son of Sherlock D. and Hannah (Allen) Thorpe, the former born on this same farm in 1804, the latter a native of Holyoke.

William Thorpe came from England and settled in the New Haven Colony in Connecticut in 1638. His descendant, Timothy Thorpe, great-grandfather of Mr. Thorpe, was a farmer; and he removed from North Haven, Conn., with his son Collins about one hundred years ago. The latter, who was born about 1776, was a cooper by trade, and on the farm made many barrels, which were in much demand for cider, cider brandy, and vinegar—leading commodities in those days. He died in his sixty-fifth year. The wife of Grandfather Collins Thorpe was before marriage

Rachel Abbott, of Wallingford, Conn. She lived well into the seventies, and now rests in the Holyoke cemetery on Northampton Street beside her husband. They reared four sons and four daughters, of whom the only survivors are: Lyman F., a resident of Holyoke, who is nearly eighty years old; and Delia, now Mrs. Conklin, of New Haven, Conn. Grandfather Thorpe acquired a good deal of property for his time, and gave to each of his children several hundred dollars. He and his wife were exemplary Christians, living up almost to the letter, as well as the spirit, of the law.

Sherlock D. Thorpe devoted his life to agriculture, spending his days on the farm where he was born. The farm contained over one hundred acres at the time of his death, which occurred in 1876, in his seventy-third year. He was twice married. In the early autumn of 1830 he took for his first helpmate Hannah Allen, of Holyoke, daughter of Bishop Allen. Her grandfather, Amos Allen, was a cousin of Ethan Allen, the hero colonel of the Green Mountain Boys, and took an active part in the French and Indian War, being taken prisoner and held by the enemy four years. He also served in the Revolution. Mrs. Thorpe lived to the age of sixty-eight years, dying in 1872. Mrs. Hannah (Allen) Thorpe was the mother of five children, four of whom grew to maturity. Of these, Jane R., wife of Wesson E. Mansfield, of Shelburne Falls, died in 1877, aged about forty, leaving five children; Hettie M., the youngest of the family, wife of Henry M. Bartlett, of Holyoke, died in 1887, in her forty-ninth year, leaving three children; Eugene died in the spring of 1895, at Faribault, Minn., in his sixty-second year, leaving one son, Herbert; Dana W. died in consumption when fifteen years of age; John C. Thorpe is the only survivor of his parents' family. The second wife of Sherlock D.

Thorpe is living on the farm with her stepson.

John C. Thorpe received a grammar school education, attending Wilbraham Academy. He has spent his life on the paternal acres with the exception of two years, during which he was in the grocery business in Holyoke. He has been extensively engaged in dairying for thirty or forty years, at one time keeping sixteen cows and delivering the milk to customers in Holyoke. Mr. Thorpe now keeps but ten cows, and disposes of his milk by wholesale at the door. Mr. Thorpe has sold some sixteen acres of his best arable land, but has left a fine estate of one hundred acres.

On December 16, 1863, he was married to Mary E., daughter of Dr. William G. Smith, of Chicopee. Mrs. Thorpe is a graduate of the Westfield Normal School, and was a teacher for some time previous to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe are the parents of three sons, namely: William S., a resident of Holyoke, book-keeper for William Whiting & Co., coal dealers; Arthur B., book-keeper and paymaster for the Franklin Paper Company at Holyoke; and Frederick D., draftsman for the Coburn Trolley Company at Holyoke.

Mr. Thorpe votes the Republican ticket, but takes no active part in politics. He and his wife are valued members of the First Congregational Church of Holyoke, the church of his maternal great-grandfather, Amos Allen. His dwelling is a cosey farm cottage built by his father sixty-six years ago.

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**H**ON. JULIUS HAWLEY SEELYE, the distinguished President of Amherst College from 1876 to 1890 inclusive, was born in Bethel, Conn., September 14, 1824, during the last year of President Madison's administration. He was a son

of Seth and Abigail (Taylor) Seelye, who had nine children. Of these four are now living, namely: Dr. L. Clark Seelye, the President of Smith College; Dr. Samuel T. Seelye, President of the First National Bank of Easthampton, Mass.; Henry E. Seelye, of Chicago; and Hannah H. Seelye, of Bethel, Conn.

After some preparatory study Mr. Seelye, the subject of this sketch, entered Amherst College, from which he was graduated in 1849, ranking as the third scholar in his class. Among his classmates were: Dr. Edward Hitchcock; Dr. Henry Lobdell, the well-known missionary; Dr. William G. Hammond, the distinguished jurist; and William G. Rolfe, the noted Shakesperean scholar—a remarkable array of ability. He was a member of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, and ever a champion of the Greek letter societies at Amherst, attributing to them in large measure the development of the student. In college began his lifelong friendship with Dr. Edward Hitchcock, who has been associated with him in all his work at Amherst; and here, too, through Henry Lobdell and three other students, was kindled his abiding interest in foreign missions.

After graduation Mr. Seelye entered Auburn Theological Seminary, and in 1853 became pastor of the First Dutch Reformed Church at Schenectady, N.Y., where he remained five years. Mr. Seelye's very pronounced bent for mental philosophy was increased by a year's study in Halle, Germany. During that time he translated and published Schwegler's "History of Philosophy."

The work of Dr. Seelye has been carefully described by one of his pupils in the *Springfield Republican*:

"His propositions in philosophy were presented in a convincing way, not through the claim of authority, but through his own sincer-

ity and strength. His ideals in teaching were the Greek philosophers, and his favorite system was to lead the pupil away from unsound propositions by a series of concessions. It has been a frequent comment of his pupils, in later life, that they always realized in the class-room that there was a large man in the chair. Professor Seelye appreciated the fact that a weak student might easily adopt conclusions without question, and sought to stimulate inquiry. He believed in the freest investigation, holding no theme too sacred for thoughtful inquiry. He believed, too, that reverence and faith, instead of being endangered by the fullest freedom, are only encouraged and established thereby.

"He was keenly alive to the fact that his personality carried power, and reverently used such power to influence the students for good.

"The small college has its opportunity in moulding student character by individual influence, for which Amherst graduates give grateful tribute to Professor Seelye.

"His thought led up to clear and lofty realms instead of dazzling the mind, and his metaphysical teachings were profound rather than brilliant; but his mental equipment was of the highest order.

"So remarkable was his memory that he could accurately recall the statistics for an address on finance, and his ability to quote from the classics aroused wonder and admiration; yet he preferred to clinch his points in the class-room by the conclusions from his own reasoning rather than call up the historical authority on a given line.

"In his philosophy President Seelye held that there is no inherent law of progress in human nature, but that it is revolutionary, and that religious impulse has given inspiration to all high art and genius. During his professorship he revised and edited Hickok's 'Mental Science' and 'Moral Science.' "

In 1873 the American Board sent out Dr. Seelye to convince the well-educated Hindus of the error of their position. His hearers were so impressed by his lectures on the truths of Christianity that they were published in Bombay. His book, "The Way, the Truth, and the Life," was the outcome of these lectures. Soon after his return political honors were thrust upon him. In 1874, when the best men in his Congressional district became tired of machine rule, he was elected member of Congress. Not until the result of the election had been known was he officially informed of his nomination. His election expenses amounted to two cents, the price of the stamp on his letter of acceptance. With the advantage of an election as an independent candidate, no party ties restrained him, and he was able to begin a glorious career in politics. He was a careful student of the Indian problem, and as an advocate of needed reforms his ability won other earnest men to act with him in securing ends of lasting benefit to the country. Although usually acting with the Republican party, he strenuously opposed the seating of Mr. Hayes as President. Aside from speeches in Congress, which received marked attention, he wrote political pamphlets and newspaper articles on "The Electoral Commission," "Counting the Electoral Vote," "The Need of a Better Political Education," and other kindred topics of the day. In 1874 he was appointed by the Governor of Massachusetts to serve on a commission to revise the laws of taxation. Later the Prohibition party nominated him for Governor, but President Stearns's death during Mr. Seelye's second Congressional year cut short his promising political career.

Dr. Seelye was the first Amherst graduate elevated to the presidency of that institution and the first man from the literary side of the

faculty to hold the office. There was much opposition to his election, on the ground that he would have neither time nor ability to raise the funds needed, that he would slight the scientific departments, and that he could neither sympathize with the students nor control them. But, nevertheless, because President Seelye was not the man to undertake what he could not perform, the results were eminently satisfactory.

In this position, in the important duty of selecting teachers he was peculiarly fortunate. Professor Tyler says: "He always insisted that the strength of a college lies, not in magnificent buildings, large endowments, nor a large number of students, but in the high character and faithful work of its faculty." In pursuance of this policy he brought to Amherst Professor Elihu Root, Anson D. Morse, Henry B. Richardson, John M. Tyler, Charles E. Gorman, David R. Todd, John F. Genung, Henry A. Frink, and William L. Cowles, most of whom were his pupils. Their work attests his insight and training.

Important changes in methods of government and in the curriculum were introduced by President Seelye. Under his administration the Amherst system of student self-government was inaugurated. All the students were admitted to college on a contract to conduct themselves as gentlemen. At first the faculty were the judges as to when a student had violated his contract; but later a college senate was organized, and in its hands were placed many of the powers of government. Professor Tyler says of the movement: "The day of common interests, mutual confidence, and hearty co-operation, the day of representation of the alumni in the Board of Trustees, and of undergraduates in the faculty, the day of larger liberty and more self-government, the day of elective studies, manly development, and

practical preparation for the duties of citizenship under free institutions, has come in Amherst and is coming to stay in all our colleges; and we may thank President Seelye for hastening its dawn."

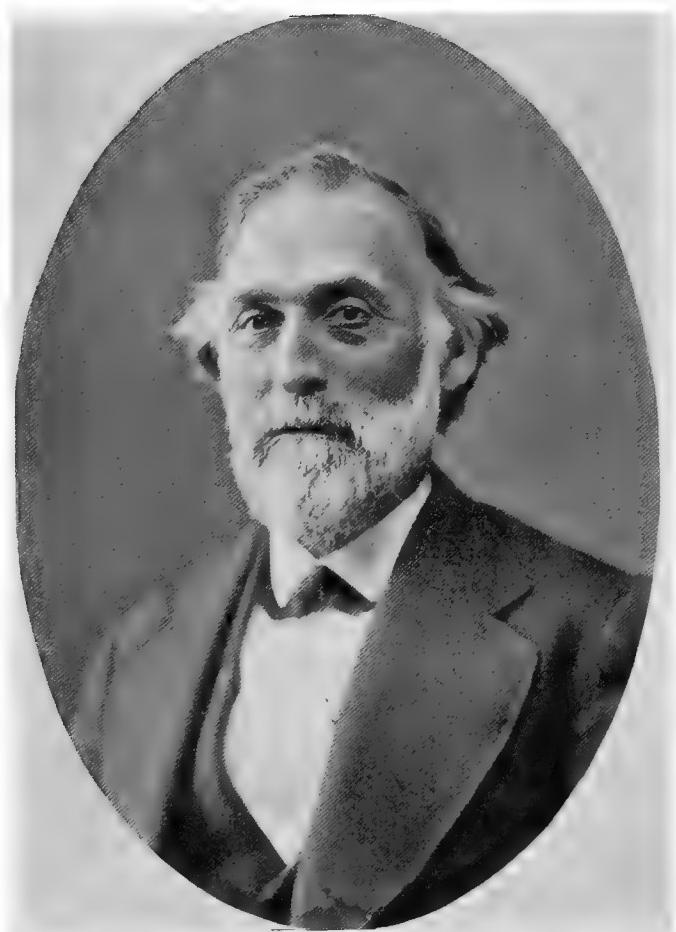
Dr. Seelye acted both as president and pastor of the college church, and continued his instruction in philosophy. He considered that the greatest service he ever rendered the college was the introduction of Spiritual Philosophy in its curriculum. On account of ill health in 1886 he gave up his favorite work, the pastorate of the college church.

The most striking feature of President Seelye's administration was the hold he had on his pupils as individuals. He held special classes in the Catechism, and conducted a question box for his Senior class, in order to bring to them personally subjects of greatest moment. Dr. Parkhurst, the great reformer, is a conspicuous example of President Seelye's high moral training. Amherst College prospered in all its interests under its honored president.

Walker Hall was rebuilt after the disastrous fire, and additional endowments amounting to over eight hundred thousand dollars were given.

Other work claimed his time and attention. He took an active interest in the Clark Institute for Deaf Mutes at Northampton, being one of its Trustees; and he was interested in the Mount Holyoke College. He served several years as President of the American Missionary Association, and was an active worker in the American Board. He was also one of the Visiting Committee at Andover Theological Seminary, and took a prominent part in the discussions that came before the board during the celebrated Andover controversy. Union College gave him the degree of D.D. in 1862 and Columbia College that of LL.D. in 1875.





CHARLES H. DICKINSON.

President Seelye's intellectual and spiritual endowments place him head and shoulders above the crowd. Nature had given him rich gifts, but discipline had much to do with his great character.

On October 26, 1854, he married Elizabeth Tillman, daughter of the Rev. William James, of Albany. She died March 5, 1881, leaving four children: Professor William J. Seelye, of Wooster, Ohio, and the Misses Elizabeth, Anna H., and Mabel Seelye. Elizabeth subsequently married James W. Bixler, of New London, Conn., and died in 1894. The two other daughters are at home.

In 1885 he had an attack of erysipelas, which so weakened his health that two trips abroad were taken in hope of recovery. A hereditary disposition to paralysis then began to show itself, and in 1890 he was compelled to resign. President Seelye then resumed his uncompleted literary work, in which he took great interest. His death occurred May 12, 1895. The thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, which Mr. Seelye called "the description of a Christian gentleman," was exemplified in his own godly walk and conversation.

CHARLES H. DICKINSON, a retired merchant of Northampton, where for many years he has been an esteemed citizen, is the son of Moses B. and Ruth B. (Osborne) Dickinson and grandson of Medad Dickinson, who for years kept a hotel on East Street, Amherst. Moses B. Dickinson was born in Amherst, and having grown to manhood took up the same kind of business in which his father was engaged, for some time managing a hotel in Cambridgeport, Mass. Thinking to better his prospects, he went West; and there he died in 1827, at the age of thirty. His wife, Ruth B. Osborne, was a

native of Windsor, Conn., daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Bissell) Osborne. At her husband's death she found herself obliged to provide sustenance for herself and only son, the subject of this sketch.

"The widowed Indian, when her lord expires,  
Mounts the dread pile and braves the funeral fires."

The American woman takes her husband's place in the battle of life and conquers fate. Mrs. Dickinson engaged in the millinery business, starting in a small way, and, being an energetic business woman, soon ranked as one of the leading milliners in Westfield and Northampton. She lived to be ninety years old, a widow over sixty years, and was bright and active to the last.

Charles H. Dickinson attended school until he was fifteen, when he went to work in a drug store. For six years he was employed as a clerk in Amherst and Northampton, and when about twenty-two years of age he went into business with his mother, opening a millinery and fancy goods store in Northampton, which he conducted forty-four years. The enterprise prospered to such an extent that at the end of that time Mr. Dickinson was enabled to retire, and in 1893 he sold the business to Mrs. S. I. Mills. Mr. Dickinson owns three stores and two fine estates, his home residence and the one adjoining.

In 1847 Mr. Charles H. Dickinson was united in marriage to Martha C. Kellogg, who died in 1893, leaving one son, Charles H., Jr., who resides on the adjoining estate, and has a wife and two children, a son and a daughter. Mr. Dickinson was again married in January, 1895, his second wife being Elizabeth S. Willcutt, of Northampton, daughter of Daniel Willcutt. In politics Mr. Dickinson is a Democrat, but he has never sought or held office. Socially, he is a Master Mason, and

in religion he follows the teachings of the Congregational church. Though modest and unassuming, he holds a prominent position in the town, and is one of the most esteemed citizens.

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**L**ORIN A. SHAW, an enterprising farmer of Amherst, was born in Belchertown, February 17, 1848, son of William and Elvira (Thayer) Shaw. Mr. Shaw's father was a native of Belchertown, where he had a farm that he successfully cultivated. He was a stone mason by trade, which calling he also followed with much profit to himself. He was a good workman and at different times was employed in the construction of railroads and the erection of public buildings. In politics he was a Republican. He served in the Civil War as a private in Company H, Forty-sixth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers. William Shaw died in Belchertown over sixty years old. His wife, who was born in Belchertown, bore him five children, as follows: Mary and Horatio W., both deceased; Lyman A., a carpenter, who resides in Georgia; Lorin A., the subject of this sketch; and Sarah J., who married Dwight Gibbs, and resides in Georgia. The mother, who still survives, resides with her son in Amherst.

Lorin A. Shaw grew to manhood in Belchertown, and received his education in the public schools. At the age of twenty-one he went to Michigan, where he acquired a knowledge of the lumber business, and became familiar with the duties of a lumber inspector. He returned East, and was for a time employed in a lumber yard in Northampton. He then went again to Michigan, and was engaged in lumbering for some years. He finally returned to Massachusetts, and followed different occupations until 1888, when he purchased his present farm of

one hundred acres in Amherst. Here he has since resided, conducting general farming. He also keeps a dairy with sixteen finely bred Jersey cows, besides other stock. His undertakings are nearly always successful. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Grange.

On October 22, 1883, Mr. Shaw was united in marriage to Anna L. Dickinson, who was born upon the farm where she resides, and is a daughter of Bela and Pamelia Dickinson, who were both natives of Amherst. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have two children, namely: Ethel D., born July 13, 1885; and Ezra I., born December 28, 1890. Both parents are members of the Congregational church.

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**L**EVI W. KINGMAN, deceased, was born in Worthington, May 16, 1825, son of Isaiah and Lucy (Daniels) Kingman. Isaiah Kingman was a native of Connecticut, and came from that State to Worthington, where he engaged in agriculture, at the same time working at his trade, which was that of a tailor. His wife, who was born in Connecticut, became the mother of eleven children, as follows: Alphonzo, who married Sally Parsons, both now deceased; Franklin, deceased, who married Theodosia Smith; Sophronia, who died young; Mary, deceased, who married George Davis, of New York; Sophronia (second), who married the Hon. Elisha Brewster, formerly a prominent resident of Worthington, both deceased; Emily, who also died young; Lucy, deceased, who married Jonathan Davis; Charles, who died in his youth; Samuel A., an ex-Chief Justice in the State of Kansas; Levi W., the subject of this sketch; and Emily, who died in infancy.

Levi W. Kingman received his education at

the district schools and at the Worthington Academy, and was reared to agriculture. He taught school for some time, and assisted his father in carrying on the farm. He was a successful agriculturist and a highly esteemed citizen. He is well remembered as a kind-hearted and sympathetic neighbor. Levi W. Kingman died November 2, 1852, sincerely regretted by all who knew him.

On June 9, 1850, Mr. Kingman was united in marriage to Miranda B. Bartlett, of Worthington. She was born October 26, 1831, daughter of Russell and Nancy (Jones) Bartlett. The father was born August 1, 1806, and became a prominent man in the community. He was a Republican in politics, was Postmaster in West Worthington for thirty-four years, and served as a Selectman for over eight years. He and his family were members of the Congregational church, and devoted much of their spare time to church work. Russell Bartlett died in April, 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Kingman had but one child, Mary Jane, who was born March 22, 1851, and died October 7, 1852.

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work for all"; and he soon found employment at railroad construction in New Hampshire. Later he worked as a laborer on the buildings of the Colt Pistol Works in Hartford, Conn., and in 1855 removed to Northampton. In 1859 he established a home in Florence, where he and his faithful wife died in 1882, he being then sixty-four years of age and she fifty-seven. Seven children were born to them, one of whom, Thomas, died at the tender age of four years. The youngest, born in this country, Michael, died at Florence in 1887.

John B. O'Donnell attended the common schools in Northampton until eleven years of age and at Hadley the next year. He then started out as a wage-earner, entering first the cotton-mill of the Greenville Manufacturing Company at Florence, where he was employed four years, and next working a year in the gun-works at Bay State village. He was subsequently in the employ of the Florence Sewing Machine Company until 1872 as a contractor, and the next three years he was in mercantile business in Florence. During this period—from the time that he was twelve years of age until he was twenty-one—young O'Donnell studiously improved every spare moment, regularly attending evening school, often burning the midnight oil in the pursuit of knowledge. He also took private lessons of Miss James and the late Daniel D. Gorham, principal of the Northampton High School. In 1875 he began to read law with his brother, T. B. O'Donnell, in Holyoke, continuing with him one year; and later he attended the Boston University Law School for two years. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and soon opened an office in Northampton, where he has been in active practice ever since, winning his way steadily to the front rank in the legal profession, so that now he is

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**H**ON. JOHN B. O'DONNELL, of Northampton, Mass., attorney and counsellor-at-law, was born in Inch, County Kerry, Ireland, September 8, 1846. His parents, James and Bridget (Herlihy) O'Donnell, came to America in 1849, bringing with them three young children. Mr. O'Donnell was a tenant farmer in Ireland, and, like many of his countrymen, was driven from home at that time by the potato failure and ensuing famine. He had little wherewith to establish a home for his family in the new country, but he had a strong constitution and a willing hand, which count for much in the land where "there is bread and

one of the foremost lawyers in Hampshire County. In politics Mr. O'Donnell is a Democrat, and has represented his party in various official positions. He was a member of the first Common Council of Northampton, and was for two years chairman of the Board of Assessors, resigning in 1889 in order to go to Europe, where he spent three months touring through England, Ireland, France, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, and Holland. In December, 1891, he was elected Mayor of the city, and served two years, 1892-93.

On November 28, 1869, Mr. O'Donnell was united in marriage with Bridget T. Coughlin, daughter of Daniel and Honora Coughlin, natives of Ireland, where Mrs. O'Donnell also was born. She died December 14, 1887, leaving five children, namely: James C.; George P., who graduated from the Boston Law School in 1895; John B., a youth of eighteen, in the Northampton High School; Charles H. and Edward, aged respectively twelve and nine. The eldest son, James C., was a student in the Northampton High School, a graduate from Holy Cross College in the class of 1892, and is now, 1895, a student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City.

The Hon. John B. O'Donnell is a Knight of Honor and a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He resided in Florence until October, 1894, when he removed to Round Hill, where in 1895 he erected one of the handsomest residences in this part of the county. He also owns considerable other real estate, including dwelling-houses and business blocks. Successful as a lawyer, a politician, and a financier, Mr. O'Donnell is thoroughly respected as an honest and honorable citizen, one who has gained the heights of success through his own efforts alone, spurred by a worthy ambition.

**A**RLIN V. STEVENS, of Cummington, prosperously engaged in the manufacture of brush handles, is a native of Worthington, Mass., born June 15, 1854, son of Nathan S. and Sybil (Cowing) Stevens.

Nathan S. Stevens was also born in Worthington, and spent his early years in that town. When a young man, he was employed as porter at the Warner House in Northampton. He had been there but a short time when he was given an opportunity to learn the trade of a machinist. He availed of it, and served an apprenticeship with his brother Aaron. In 1834 the two went to Worthington, and built a saw-mill and factory, where they established a good wood-working business, manufacturing sieve rims and other kinds of bent wood-work until 1860. He then came to Cummington, purchased the old Hayden cotton-mills, fitted them up with new machinery, and began the manufacture of pen-holders and cedar brush handles. In company with a Mr. Rhodes, he also engaged in the manufacture of the Diamond Grit Scythe Stones, the material for which was quarried in the rough, and then converted into merchantable shape. This industry was carried on successfully for five years. In 1874 he took his two sons, Arthur S. and Arlin V., as partners, and extended the scope of the wood-working business, adding new machinery, much of which was invented by himself. At that time their factory was the leading one of its kind in this country. On February 23, 1883, the mill was destroyed by fire. A new one was ready for occupancy by the 15th of April following; and business was soon again in progress, although for a time they were obliged to set up a saw to cut the timber out of doors. From 1884 to 1887 they also engaged in the manufacture of the New York lead pencil, turning out on an average about one hundred gross per day.

Mr. Stevens died in June, 1889. His wife bore him two sons, namely: Arthur S., who died in 1884; and Arlin V., the subject of this sketch.

Arlin V. Stevens acquired a good practical education in the district school and at Wilbraham Academy. He then worked for three years as clerk in the hardware store of W. E. Thayer, of Williamsburg. He next went to Chicago, Ill., where he was employed as a salesman for the furnishing-goods department of Field & Lyter. He did not remain there long; and in 1874 he came to Cummington, Mass., and went into business with his father. His brother, Arthur, was also interested in the business; and at the latter's death he bought his interest. After his father's decease he came into full control, and is still conducting the business, which has been one of steady growth. Like his father, he is inventive; and some of the most valuable machines employed in the work are creations of his brain. There are ten machines used in the manufacture of handles; and they turn out about two hundred and fifty gross per day, the larger part being varnish and paint brush handles of all grades. He employs forty people in the different departments, and uses annually about three hundred thousand feet of native lumber and about two hundred thousand feet of Florida cedar. He also owns a farm, and now has three fine horses that were raised there.

His marriage to Miss H. Imogene Pettengill was performed on February 6, 1878. She is a daughter of Aldin F. and Zeruiah (Shaw) Pettingill. Six children have come of the union, namely: Winifred S., born November 13, 1878, who is attending the high school at Medford, Mass.; Anne V.; Margery S.; C. Ashley; Leon A.; and Ruth W.

Mr. Stevens is a supporter of Republican

principles, and he has served as Treasurer of his town for several years. He was elected Representative of Second Hampshire County District to the General Court, November 5, 1895, receiving about eighty-five per cent. of the entire votes cast in the district. He and his family reside at their fine residence on Main Street, which was formerly known as the Vining Home.



WALTER A. CLARK, M.D., a successful physician of Prescott, was born in Petersham, Mass., May 8, 1857, son of Almond and Mary (Pattee) Clark. Dr. Clark's great-grandparents were Edward and Anna (Jenerson) Clark, the former of whom was born June 25, 1738, and the latter July 4, 1739. His grandfather, Samuel Clark, was born March 30, 1765; and his grandmother, whose maiden name was Mehitable Ingersoll, was born March 20, 1769.

Almond Clark, Dr. Clark's father, was born in Hardwick, Mass., February 10, 1809. He settled in Petersham, where he passed the greater part of his life. He engaged in farming, an occupation which he followed for a time; and later he entered into trade. He finally returned to agriculture, and cultivated a farm with success for the remainder of his life. He was an industrious man, possessed a high order of intelligence, and was especially well informed upon legal subjects. In politics he was a stanch Republican, and he entertained broad and liberal views upon religious matters. Mr. Clark, Sr., died at the old homestead in Petersham in July, 1869. His wife became the mother of six children, as follows: John W., who enlisted in the Twenty-first Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and was killed in the Civil War at the age of twenty-one; Asa Wilbur, who died at

the age of thirty; Philena, who is the wife of William Tolman, and resides in Barre, Mass.; Harriet, wife of Horace Hager, of Athol, Mass.; Lura, who married Charles H. Burroughs, and resides in Chicago, Ill.; and Walter A., the subject of this sketch, who is the youngest. The mother, who still survives, is residing with her daughter in Barre.

Walter A. Clark commenced his education in the district schools of his native town, and completed his studies at the grammar schools in Barre. He went to Chicago in 1874, arriving in that city on October 14 of that year, and entered the shops of the F. C. Wells Engine Works for the purpose of learning the trade of a machinist and engineer. He served an apprenticeship of three years, during which time he acted as an engineer in the machinery department of the Chicago International Exhibition in 1875. On August 16, 1877, having acquired his trade, he was united in marriage to Verena Gloor, a native of Switzerland, and returned with her to Massachusetts, making his home in Athol until 1880. He again went to Chicago; and on December 31, 1880, he secured a position in Dell's Pharmacy as prescription clerk. On March 12, 1882, he started East on a visit, remaining until the autumn of that year. Upon his return to the Western metropolis he entered the Rush Medical College (September 4, 1882), pursued a thorough course of medical study, and graduated February 17, 1885. On April 1 of that year he located on Madison Street, Chicago, where he conducted a good practice for two years, at the expiration of which time he returned to his native State. Settling in Prescott, February 27, 1888, he has since practised his profession in this and adjoining towns.

As a medical practitioner he is energetic and skilful, and is a pleasant gentleman to

meet. He possesses a disposition and character well calculated to inspire confidence. As an illustration of the esteem he has won it may be mentioned that, while yet a student, he was summoned East for the purpose of examining a patient and rendering an opinion in regard to the case. Since coming to Prescott he has purchased the property formerly known as the Atkinson Tavern, where he now resides. It is an old landmark in the town, and was built by John Atkinson in 1820. It was for many years used as a public house, and is still in a good state of preservation, its huge chimneys and broad, open fireplaces giving the interior a cheerful and comfortable appearance. Dr. Clark is liberal in his religious and political views and a lover of the fine arts.

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**H**ENRY M. SMITH, a carpenter and builder, now practically retired from active participation in business, was born in the town of Whately, Franklin County, July 14, 1831, son of Henry and Almira (Holmes) Smith. Henry Smith, also a native of Whately, born in 1800, one of the seven children of Rufus and Anna (Munson) Smith, was a successful farmer in Whately. In 1820 he was married to Almira Holmes, a native of Williamsburg; and the union was blessed by the advent of five sons and one daughter, all of whom grew to maturity and married. Besides the subject of this sketch the only survivor is L. J. Smith, of Saratoga, N.Y. The mother died in 1841, when forty-three years old. The father was again married, but had no children by his second union, and died in 1846. He was a man of great personal merit, was highly respected for his integrity, and was a consistent member of the Universalist church.





JOSEPH CUDWORTH.

Henry M. Smith left home at the age of sixteen years, and came to Northampton, where he learned his trade of H. I. Clapp. He worked for Mr. Clapp and others until 1861. Afterward he was employed by the government, boring and straightening guns in the Springfield Armory one year, and for two years in Norwich, Conn. In 1865 he became a partner in the firm of Currier Brothers & Smith, who for seven years carried on a large business in contracting and building. The firm was then changed to Smith & Stevens, under which name it carried on business for six years, when Mr. Smith became the sole proprietor. He subsequently formed with Mr. Livermore a copartnership that lasted nine years, during which the firm became the leading contractors and builders in this section of Hampshire County. Many of the finest residences and business blocks of the city were built by them. The Northampton Savings Bank building is their work, and so are the two dormitories, the observatory, the scientific building, and the art gallery of Smith College. In 1890 Mr. Livermore sold out his share of the business, and one year later Mr. Smith disposed of the whole to Avon C. Matthews.

On Christmas Day in the year 1854 Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Edna Hill, a native of Fair Haven, Conn., born in 1833. She was an infant when her father, Joseph Hill, a sea captain, died of consumption, at the early age of thirty-five years. Six years later Mrs. Hill, whose maiden name was Emily Thompson, passed away, also the prey of that fatal disease. Mrs. Smith, the only child of their union, has not inherited the malady, as her fresh and youthful countenance amply testifies. Carrie E., the only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, married George Buffington, of Springfield, a postal clerk in

the railway mail service between Springfield and Newport; and they have one child, Lucy, now thirteen years old. Mr. Smith's house at 20 Monroe Street, which he built a quarter of a century since, is a very comfortable and attractive residence. In social circles, as in business life, he is held in high esteem. He is a loyal member of the Republican party, and he belongs to the Legion of Honor.

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JOSEPH CUDWORTH, a prosperous farmer of Worthington, was born in Chesterfield, Mass., July 14, 1823, son of Charles and Susanna (Kith) Cudworth. Mr. Cudworth's grandfather, John Cudworth, was a lineal descendant of General James Cudworth, who was made a freeman in Scituate in 1634, and became one of the leading men in Plymouth Colony, commanding its whole military force in the early part of King Philip's War, and being Deputy Governor in 1681. He went to England as Colonial agent in 1682, and died in London in the autumn of that year. His children were: Captain James, Israel, Jonathan, Mary, and Hannah. John Cudworth, born in 1677, son of the second James, settled in Scituate, and was the father of a second John, born in 1706. The latter had a son, John Cudworth, the third of the name in direct line, who married Elizabeth Clap in 1772, and had five sons: John, Job, Charles, Abiel, and Arvin.

Charles Cudworth, Mr. Cudworth's father, was born in Scituate, Mass., March 7, 1781, and in 1800 went to Chesterfield, where he labored diligently for some time. In company with a brother, he purchased a farm, and followed agriculture with success. Aside from farming he engaged in the meat business, and became a well-known man throughout that region. He was an active member of

the Baptist church and a stanch Democrat in politics. He died April 25, 1846.

His first wife, Susanna Briggs Cudworth, a native of Scituate, died in Chesterfield, leaving eight children, all of whom are now dead. His second wife, who was a daughter of Edward Kith, was born in Chesterfield in 1786. By this union he had three children, as follows: Joseph, the subject of this sketch; Mary, who married Asa Todd, a farmer of Chesterfield, and died in 1846; and Julia Ellen, who became Mr. Todd's second wife, and reared seven children. This family may here be briefly named: Isabella, who married Walter Trow, of Cummington, Mass.; Lyman, who married Mary Pease, and resides in Worthington; Mary, who died in infancy; Esther, who married James Dunham, of Chesterfield, and is now dead; Monroe, who married Lettie Middlebrook, and resides in West Chesterfield; Flora, who married William Trow, and resides in Westfield; and Augustus, who died young. Mrs. Susanna Kith Cudworth died in June, 1871.

Joseph Cudworth was reared to agriculture, and resided with his parents until reaching the age of twenty-one, when he engaged in farming in Chesterfield and Savoy, an occupation which he followed for three years. He then returned to the parental roof, and for a time managed the home farm, after which he purchased a farm in Worthington, and conducted it with prosperous results until his retirement from active labor, which occurred in 1883. He is a Democrat in politics.

On February 3, 1847, Mr. Cudworth was married to Aurelia F. Todd, who was born in Chesterfield, June 6, 1825, daughter of Lyman and Sarah (Kinny) Todd. Mrs. Cudworth's father was a farmer and a teamster between Boston and Albany before the introduction of railroads. Mr. and Mrs. Cudworth have had

three children, who are now grown to maturity, and are heads of families. Mary, the eldest, who was born April 16, 1848, married A. M. Locke, of the Smith Carr Baking Company of Northampton, and has seven children, as follows: Etta M.; Josephine; Minnie A., who is now dead; Walter Joseph; Owen A.; Alice, also deceased; and Ellen. Alice Augusta, second child of Mr. and Mrs. Cudworth, was born March 20, 1850, and married Isaac H. Steel, superintendent of the Cummington Creamery, and has two children: George W. and Frank D. Charles Monroe Cudworth, their youngest child, who was born July 8, 1860, married Mary Isadora Tower, daughter of Alden and Mary Tower, and has had three children: Joseph Harold, deceased; Mary Eva; and Alice Rosamond.

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WILLIAM AUSTIN DICKINSON, Treasurer of Amherst College since 1873, was born in Amherst, April 11, 1829. His parents were the Hon. Edward and Emily (Norcross) Dickinson, his mother being the daughter of Joel Norcross, of Monson, Mass.

The earliest known ancestor of this family was Nathan Dickinson, who came to Amherst from Hatfield in 1742. His son, Nathan Dickinson, Jr., was the great-grandfather of William Austin Dickinson. Samuel Fowler Dickinson, son of Nathan Dickinson and grandfather of William Austin, was in his time the leading lawyer in Western Massachusetts. After he was graduated from Dartmouth College, he studied law in the office of Judge Simeon Strong. Subsequently, while engaged in the practice of his profession, he filled many positions of trust and responsibility. For fifteen years he was Town Clerk, and for twelve years he represented the town

in the legislature. He was one of a half-dozen men to whose exertions was due the founding of Amherst Academy. Later he took a prominent part in establishing Amherst College.

Edward Dickinson, born in Amherst in 1803, graduated from Yale College in 1823. He subsequently studied law, was admitted to the bar, began practice in his native town, and became one of the leading lawyers in Hampshire County. In 1835 he was chosen Treasurer of Amherst College, which office he held for thirty-eight consecutive years. He was also prominent in public affairs, serving three years as member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, two years as State Senator, two years in the Governor's Council; and in 1853 and 1855 he represented his district in Congress. He largely helped in securing the building of the New London Northern Railway and later the Massachusetts Central Road. The late Emily Dickinson, the literary recluse, whose remarkable writings were not known until after her death, was one of Mr. Edward Dickinson's daughters. Miss Lavinia Dickinson survives him, and occupies the Edward Dickinson home-  
stead.

William Austin Dickinson was fitted for college in his native town and at Williston Seminary, Easthampton. In 1850 he was graduated from Amherst College, and afterward studied law in his father's office and at Harvard Law School. He took his degree at Cambridge in 1854, being admitted to the bar in Boston the same year. He then joined in practice with his father at Amherst, a partnership that lasted nearly twenty years, when it was dissolved by his father's death in 1873. Mr. Dickinson rather avoided the trial of cases. Hence he never attained prominence before the courts; but he was a singularly clear-headed and conscientious counsellor,

whose advice and assistance were much sought in the community. He often rendered his services gratuitously. He was in partnership with James I. Cooper in the Palmer Block in the winter of 1888, when their office was burned, together with many valuable papers of historical value to the town and college. He became treasurer of the college in 1873; and thereafter he devoted himself with enthusiasm to the various concerns of the institution, not confining himself to the care of its funds, but looking carefully after all its material interests. By his fine tact and excellent judgment he was able to do much for the improvement of the college. He exerted a purely beneficent influence with the faculty and the trustees in the administration of its internal affairs, and by both bodies he is greatly missed. The town was also an object of his care. In the First Congregational Church, of which he was a member, in the town government, in school matters, banks, and business matters generally, he was an honored and trusted counsellor. Mr. Dickinson was active in the formation of the Cemetery Association, and the grounds in Wildwood Cemetery were laid out under his supervision. He was also connected with the gas company and Village Improvement Society, and no man has done more to beautify the town he loved so well. He was for many years President of the Amherst Water Company, and was one of the first to take an interest in supplying water to the town. He served as moderator of town meetings for nearly twenty years, always presiding with dignity and fairness. In politics he was a Republican; but he would not support nominations that he regarded as unfit. Had he cared for political honors, he might easily have attained them. He was not specially gifted as a speaker, but he had the faculty of communicating much in few words.

Mr. Dickinson's was a strong, forceful personality, public-spirited in the larger meaning of the term, and so outspoken that there was no misunderstanding his attitude on any subject. He disliked mere show and hypocrisy, and never sought to cloak disagreeable matters in diplomatic language. Though loyal in his friendships, it was not easy to gain his confidence. Those, however, who once won his regard were welcome to the best of his heart and life. He had a wide acquaintance with prominent men, many of whom enjoyed the hospitality of his home. He was exceedingly fond of fine pictures, a most appreciative reader of the best literature; and he was optimistic in faith, thoroughly believing that "Evil is only the slave of God, sorrow the servant of Joy."

On July 1, 1856, he married Susan Huntington Gilbert, daughter of Thomas Gilbert, then living in Greenfield, Mass. Mrs. Dickinson survives her husband with two children. These are: Edward, assistant librarian of Amherst College; and Miss Martha G. Dickinson. A younger son, Gilbert, died twelve years ago. Mr. Dickinson died of heart failure, August 16, 1895. There is no doubt that his end was hastened by overwork. Rarely has any community been called upon to mourn the death of a man who was so thoroughly representative of its best citizenship.

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**D**EACON LYMAN SABIN, an old and highly respected resident of Belchertown, was born in that place, August 15, 1813, son of Thomas and Abigail (Durfee) Sabin, both natives of Ellington, Conn. Mr. Sabin is of French descent, his first ancestor in this country being a Huguenot who fled from France to England, and thence to Wales, coming to this country in

the year 1630. Being a man of wealth and culture, he was prominent in Rehoboth, Mass., at the time when that town was organized, and was very influential in the colony. His will was probated in Boston, and it is believed on good authority that he is buried in the old Granary Burying-ground in that city. (See History of the Rev. Anson Titus, Jr., published in 1881.)

Monsieur Sabin's son Benjamin, who was born in Rehoboth, removed to Roxbury; and there his son Nehemiah, the great-grandfather of Deacon Sabin, was born. Nehemiah Sabin went to Pomfret, Conn., and married Ruth Cooper. She bore him several children, of whom one, named Thomas, born in 1744, was the grandfather of our subject. Thomas Sabin had a son, Thomas, Jr., born in Ellington, Conn., December 22, 1783, who was Deacon Sabin's father. In early manhood Thomas Sabin, Jr., settled in Wilbraham, and later removed to Belchertown, where he purchased a farm of one hundred acres. On this farm he spent the remainder of his life, sowing and reaping the harvests of many busy years, and passed away in March, 1885, at the age of one hundred and one. His wife was born July 3, 1787, and died in August, 1846. They reared five children: Lewis, Laura, Sherman, Lyman, and Abigail. Lewis Sabin became a widely known and respected preacher of the Congregationalist faith, and was pastor of the church at Templeton for thirty-five years. He was a very scholarly man, and was beloved and looked up to by all who knew him. He married Maria P. Dickinson, of Hadley.

Lyman Sabin was reared and received a fair education in his native town, and there taught school for some time before entering upon his life vocation of farming. He succeeded to the proprietorship of the homestead, and

to-day harvests from the same broad acres the bountiful crops that smiled upon his father. The farm is pleasantly located upon the west side of Sabin Hill. The house occupies a commanding position upon an eminence, from which the view is magnificent. The line of vision takes in Mount Holyoke and Mount Tom; and on a clear day Mount Greylock is plainly visible, outlined against the western horizon. The buildings on the Sabin farm are in good condition, the house is cosey and homelike, and the whole domain is a heritage to be proud of.

In 1839 Mr. Sabin was married to Lucy Colton Stebbins, who was born in Belchertown, November 2, 1812, daughter of Samuel H. and Nancy (Reed) Stebbins and a direct descendant in the seventh generation of Rowland Stebbins. (For a history of the Stebbins family see the "Annals of Belchertown," by the late Hon. Mark Doolittle.) Mr. and Mrs. Sabin reared three children: Maria Dickinson, Abigail Durfey, and Laura Sophia. Maria D. Sabin graduated from Mount Holyoke Seminary, and followed the profession of teacher up to the time of her marriage, when she became the wife of Joshua Longley, of Belchertown, who died in 1875. They had one child, Marion Sabin Longley, born October 15, 1874, who passed away in August, 1887. After her husband's death Mrs. Longley resumed teaching. Abigail D. Sabin married Lewis Williams, and lives in Kent, Ohio. Laura Sophia's life has been spent at the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sabin have spent together fifty-six years of married life, strengthened to bear life's burdens by mutual aid and sympathy. Although so advanced in years, they enjoy fairly good health. They are members of the Congregational church, in whose affairs Mr. Sabin has always taken an active part,

being Deacon for many years, teacher in the Sunday-school, and one of the leading singers in the choir. Ranking among the oldest residents of the town, he and Mrs. Sabin are regarded with esteem by all who know them.



CAPTAIN WILLIAM BIRD KIMBALL, one of Enfield's prominent citizens, a veteran of the Civil War, and formerly a member of the Massachusetts legislature, was born in Oakham, Mass., June 2, 1833, son of James and Emily (Parker) Kimball. Captain Kimball is a direct descendant of Richard Kimball, who, in company with his brother Henry, emigrated from England in 1634, and settled in Watertown, Mass. Richard Kimball, who was a wheelwright by trade, moved to Ipswich, Mass., where he died in 1675; and the descent continues as follows: Benjamin, son of Richard Kimball, who resided in Bradford, Mass., died January 11, 1696. His son, Captain Richard Kimball, who also resided in Bradford, married Sarah Spofford, September 17, 1682, and raised a family of six children. He died January 21, 1732 or 1733; and his son, Richard Kimball, who was born May 27, 1689, married Mary Stickney in 1716. He was the father of three children; namely, Richard, Sarah, and Dorothy, of whom Richard, who was born September 21, 1721, was Captain Kimball's great-grandfather. He married Sarah Harriman, and raised a family of eight children, of whom James, Captain Kimball's grandfather, was the second son. James Kimball was born in Haverhill, Mass., February 4, 1758. He resided in Bradford, was a successful business man, and died January 15, 1829. He was three times married; and his third wife, Ruth Kimball, Captain Kimball's grandmother, who was born January

28, 1761, became the mother of one son, James, Jr., Captain Kimball's father. The grandmother died January 6, 1832.

James Kimball, Jr., was born in Bradford, October 5, 1797. He graduated from Middlebury College in 1821, and became a Congregational preacher. He relinquished his pastoral duties, and engaged in missionary work in Boston, where he labored diligently and successfully for some years. He was a resident of Oakham for twenty-nine years, and was actively engaged in church work until his death, which occurred March 15, 1861. His wife, Emily Parker before marriage, who was born in Groveland, Mass., September 5, 1800, became the mother of six children, four of whom reached maturity; and of these Captain William B., the subject of this sketch, is the only survivor. Those deceased were: Martha A., James P., Maria L., Daniel T., and Leonard D. The mother died in Haydenville, Mass., October 18, 1874.

William Bird Kimball passed his boyhood in Oakham, and prepared for his collegiate course in Easthampton. He entered Amherst College, from which he graduated with the class of 1856. Immediately after completing his studies he engaged in agriculture in Westboro, where he conducted a large dairy farm until the commencement of the Civil War. He then enlisted as a private in Company K, Thirteenth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and was mustered into service as a Corporal July 16, 1861. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and participated in all of its decisive battles. He saw much hard service, his term of enlistment extending over the most important period of the Rebellion; but he escaped without injury. He was promoted from grade to grade, and was honorably discharged from the service August 1, 1864, as Captain of his company.

After leaving the army, Captain Kimball settled in Enfield, where he resumed his former occupation; and since 1865 he has resided in Enfield village. His farm of two hundred acres is mostly on Great Quabbin Mountain. Besides general farming, he has engaged extensively in the buying and selling of cattle. His residence, which is one of the finest and most substantial in Enfield, was erected by the Hon. J. B. Woods in 1835, and is still in a good state of preservation.

On February 17, 1858, Captain Kimball was united in marriage to Frances C. Woods. She was born in Enfield, August 8, 1835, daughter of the Hon. Josiah B. Woods. Mrs. Kimball's grandfather, Deacon Aaron Woods, moved from New Braintree to Enfield in 1785, and purchased a large tract of land on Great Quabbin Mountain, which became known as the Woods farm. He was a representative citizen of his day, and the remainder of his life was passed in Enfield. The Hon. Josiah B. Woods was born in Enfield, November 18, 1796. He was closely identified with the early development of the industrial resources of his native town, and for many years was engaged in the manufacture of flannels and satinet goods. He also conducted mercantile business in connection with his mills. He was a very prominent man in Enfield, possessing literary talents of a high order, and was also a clever inventor.

Captain Kimball has long been prominent in public affairs in Enfield. He has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Assessor for several years, and was Overseer of the Poor and a member of the School Board for over twenty-five years. In 1877 he was elected to represent his district in the legislature, and rendered able service in that capacity. He has advanced in Masonry as far as the Blue

Lodge, and is a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic in Enfield. During the present year he has taken up his residence in Boston, but he will continue to realize much enjoyment in passing a portion of his time at his old home among the beautiful and picturesque scenery of Western Massachusetts. Captain and Mrs. Kimball are members of the Congregational church.

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JOHN H. STORRS, a large real estate dealer and one of the successful business men of the town of Ware, was born in Victory Mills, Saratoga County, N.Y., in 1831, son of John Frink and Sally (Topliff) Storrs.

John Henry Storrs, his paternal grandfather, was a successful agriculturist of Ashford, Conn. He married Miss Polly Frink, and three sons and a daughter were born of their union, as follows: John Frink Storrs; Bazalel Storrs, a farmer, who died at the age of sixty-two years, leaving no family; William Storrs, who is married, but has no children; and Polly, the wife of Harvey Sedgwick, of Palmer, Mass.

John Frink Storrs, when grown to manhood, turned his attention to the livery business, which he first took up in Oswego, N.Y. In 1839 he came to Monson, Mass., and later resided successively in Stafford and at Ellington, Conn., but finally removed to Ware in 1856. Although he began without cash capital, he was very successful. He had a large and profitable business. Besides his livery stable, he had on the road thirteen stages, requiring the employment of eighty horses. His wife, to whom he was married in 1818, bore him a son and daughter; namely, John H. Storrs and Maria Storrs. The latter was for about forty years the leading milliner of

Ware. She has now retired, and resides with her brother. Their mother died in 1860, sixty-two years of age; and their father, after living to the age of seventy-nine years, passed away eight years later.

John H. Storrs attended the high school and Monson Academy, and later the school at Stafford, Conn. He left school to take a clerkship in a general merchandise store, where he remained for six years. He then purchased a team, and during the succeeding six years was successfully engaged in selling goods throughout Tolland County, Connecticut, and vicinity. In 1856 he removed to Ware, where he opened a dry-goods and millinery store in company with Charles Wilcox, under the firm name of Wilcox & Storrs. Two years later his partner withdrew; and he carried on the business alone until 1869, at which time, having overworked so that his health was failing him, he sold out to parties from Boston. He then took up the real estate business. He began by purchasing vacant land, erecting buildings upon it, and then selling or renting the same. In 1868 he began to build on seven acres of land that he had purchased for two thousand dollars in 1866. Of this land within the past three years he has sold about fifty building lots, at prices ranging from three hundred to one thousand dollars each. He also purchased a farm containing fifty-eight acres, for which he paid seven thousand, five hundred dollars. The sale of a part of this property has brought him twenty-five thousand dollars, and he has still a large part of it left. His sons, John H., Jr., and George D., are now engaged in the business with him; and they are the largest operators in Ware. Among the buildings they have erected are: the brick blocks on Main and North Streets, embracing eleven stores and the post-office; and the Mansion

House, a fine modern hotel. They have also four other stores, which they rent. The erection of stores and blocks was begun in 1881. Besides attending to his own property, Mr. Storrs also takes charge of property belonging to non-residents.

He has been twice married. The maiden name of his first wife was Miss Delia Pierce. She died in 1859. He afterward married Miss Emma J. Draper, a daughter of Lyman Draper. Of the six children born of this union one died when nine months old and one at the age of three years and six months. The others are: John H. Storrs, Jr.; George D. Storrs; Mabel O., wife of George W. Dunham, the teller of the Ware Savings Bank; and Mary B. Storrs, who is now at Smith College and a member of the class of 1896. Mr. Storrs has one grandson, John H. Storrs, third, son of John H. Storrs, Jr., who is six years of age. His second wife died July 13, 1891, in the fifty-first year of her age. Mr. Storrs votes with the Democratic party. He has been a Selectman and Assessor for many years.

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**L**YMAN W. CLAPP, an enterprising agriculturist of Westhampton, was born in that town, September 5, 1859, son of Reuben and Susan (Burt) Clapp. Mr. Clapp was reared on the family homestead to the occupation he follows. In his boyhood days he assisted on the farm in labors suitable for his years, while attending school in the neighborhood. After finishing with school, he gave his whole time to farm work, putting into practice the lessons in agriculture imparted by his father, and in time attained the skill and thoroughness which mark his farming to-day. His undertakings are invariably successful. With characteristic enter-

prise he has also established a substantial business in manufacturing lumber, owning and operating a saw-mill in this locality. He takes an earnest interest in public affairs, and is foremost in promoting all legitimate schemes designed for the advancement of the town or the county. For the past two years Mr. Clapp has held the office of Selectman and Assessor. He is also Road Commissioner, Field Driver, and Constable. Politically, he is a sound Republican. Both he and his wife are sincere and faithful members of the Congregational church.

On June 8, 1886, Mr. Clapp was united in marriage with Elizabeth Ewing, daughter of William Ewing. Their union has been blessed by the birth of four children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Herbert Wright, George Ewing, and Mary Elizabeth. He and his family reside on the old homestead with his parents, whose sunset years he is careful to see are spent in quietness and comfort.

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**T**HE SWIFT RIVER COMPANY of Enfield, well known throughout the United States as manufacturers of a fine quality of fancy cassimeres and silk mixtures, dates back to the year 1821, when the firm, under the title of D. & A. Smith, began in a small way the manufacture of cotton goods. Fifteen years later, in 1836, the factory was destroyed by fire, but was immediately rebuilt. The firm, which then consisted of Alfred, David, and Alvin Smith, continued to carry on the enterprise until 1852, when they were joined by Edward Smith, and the present company was organized. Each year the plant was increased in size, and new improvements were introduced. Finally, in 1862, the mill was enlarged to double its





ARTHUR L. KINGSBURY.

former capacity. The old cotton and satinet machinery was removed, and in its place there were set up eight sets of machinery for the manufacture of fancy cassimeres. The mill is supplied with both steam and water power, and is kept in operation the entire year round. It is the leading enterprise of the village of Smiths, furnishing employment to about one hundred and twenty-five people. The present members of the firm are Edward P. Smith and his brother, Henry M. Smith, the former holding the position of President and Treasurer and the latter that of General Manager and Agent of the company.

Edward Smith, the father of Edward P. and Henry M. Smith, was born in the town of Granby, this county, and lived there on a farm until he was twenty-five years old. He then went to Holyoke, where he conducted a small cotton-mill for a time; and he and his brothers acquired possession of the entire water privilege of Holyoke, and held it up to 1847. After that he was engaged in various enterprises until 1852, when he became identified with the Swift River Company. His connection with that firm continued until his death, in April, 1891, eighty-six years of age. He was an old-time Whig, and later became a stanch Republican. He was very active in political matters, and served one term as a member of the State legislature. During many years of his life he was an active worker in the Congregational church and a liberal contributor for both church and educational purposes. In the course of one year he gave twenty-five thousand dollars to five different colleges. He married Eliza Smith, of Granby. They have two sons by the marriage and two by adoption. The former are: Edward P., born in Granby, Mass., September 3, 1833; and Henry M., also a native of Granby, born August 20, 1835.

Edward P. Smith, the senior member of the Swift River Company, completed his early education in the academy at Easthampton, after which he entered Yale College. He was married in 1856 to Miss Charlotte J. Woods, of Enfield. They have no children. In politics he is a Republican; and, while he takes much interest in his town, and has served one term as Selectman, he is to-day far too busy a man to accept office. His residence, which lies between the two villages of Enfield and Smiths, is one of the finest in the district; and a prettier view than that which surrounds his home would be hard to find in Hampshire County.

Henry M. Smith completed his education at Williston Seminary. He was then employed for two years in a store in South Hadley, after which he came to Enfield, and went to work in the mill of which he and his brother are now the owners. In November, 1860, he was united in marriage with Miss Loraine P. Andrews, of Enfield, who has borne him an interesting family of two sons and a daughter: Marion A., Alfred W., and Edward. Like his brother, he is a stanch Republican and one of the most influential citizens of Enfield. He has served as Selectman and in other offices. They reside in the elegant residence recently erected above the village of Smiths, surrounded by luxury of the extent and character consistent with a cultured taste.

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**A**RTHUR L. KINGSBURY, the gentleman whose portrait is seen on the adjoining page, is extensively engaged in the paper-box industry at Northampton, Mass. He was born in Tolland County, Connecticut, January 2, 1861. His father, Addison Kingsbury, was born in 1836 at

South Coventry, Conn., and was a son of Alvin Kingsbury, a woollen manufacturer of that town. Grandfather Kingsbury married a cousin of the same name, and reared three sons and two daughters, of whom Addison and his two sisters are the only survivors, two sons having died in their youth. Alvin Kingsbury reached an age somewhat in advance of middle life, and his wife attained seventy years. Addison Kingsbury married Elizabeth Libbie, a native of Scotland, Conn., and their three children were: Arthur L.; Charlotte, who died at the age of three years; and Louis Addison, who is now in charge of the box-manufacturing business which his father established in 1868 at Coventry. The mother died in 1880, at the age of forty-three years; and Addison Kingsbury married for his second wife Sarah M. Scott, of Coventry.

Arthur L. Kingsbury acquired his education in his native town; and, although he was obliged to leave school before completing his course, for the purpose of attending to his father's business, he continued to pursue his studies while thus engaged, and was graduated with his class in 1880. In the following year he came to Northampton, and assumed charge of the paper-box manufactory founded by his father. The business under his energetic management rapidly grew in proportions, and in 1893 the company was incorporated of which he is now General Manager and Treasurer. They occupy a large three-story brick block, one hundred feet by fifty feet, situated at 38 and 40 North Street, and employ from sixty to seventy-five workmen, their product for the year 1894 amounting to two million, seven hundred thousand boxes.

In 1884 Mr. Kingsbury married Alice Palmer, of Willimantic, Conn., daughter of Louis and Ellen (Davidson) Palmer, her par-

ents being natives of Scotland, Conn. Miss Palmer was graduated in 1878 from the same school which Mr. Kingsbury attended, and she taught there from that year until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Kingsbury are members of the Edwards Congregational Church, and reside at 88 North Street, where Mr. Kingsbury erected a very pleasant and comfortable residence in 1889. They have one son, named Harold, now eight years of age.

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JOHN F. MORELL, an agriculturist of Amherst, was born in Lenox, Mass., December 16, 1837, son of Horace F. and Mary A. (Pierce) Morell and grandson of John Morell. The latter was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, on January 9, 1753. He was a tanner, and successfully followed his trade while also engaged in farming. He lived in Lenox, Mass., during the greater part of his life, and was Captain of a company in the State militia. He was the father of eight sons and a daughter, all now deceased. His death occurred at Lenox on April 13, 1818. His wife, whose maiden name was Esther Fowler, died March 25, 1828.

Horace F. Morell was one of twins. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. With this exception he spent his life in Lenox in the occupation of a farmer. Besides the old Morell homestead, he owned a farm of seventy-five acres. He was a hard-working and successful man. He died when seventy-two years of age, and his wife's death occurred when she was seventy-three. Both attended the Congregational church, and in politics he was a Whig. Of the eight children born of their union four reached maturity, while but one, John F., now survives. Those deceased were: Mary F., born in Lenox, October 30, 1821, who died November 24, 1857; John P.,

born February 7, 1823, who died September 12, 1823; Abigail P., born July 26, 1824, who died March 3, 1833; Catharine M., born August 31, 1827, who died March 15, 1890; William A., born November 13, 1831, who died October 31, 1885; Abigail J., born July 19, 1834, who died December 20, 1841; and George H., born October 17, 1841, who died August 31, 1851.

John F. Morell acquired a good practical education in the common schools and academy of Lenox, Mass. He remained on the old homestead until thirty-five years of age, devoting his attention to agriculture. He was also connected with the Central Berkshire *Chronicle* of Lee. He was editor of this paper for sixteen months. He was also a reporter on the *Union* and the *Springfield Republican* for some time. Later on he engaged in the coal trade in Lenox, and continued in it for several years. In 1882 he moved to his present farm in South Amherst. It contains two hundred and ten acres of land, and is one of the largest farms in that part of the town. He is now carrying on mixed farming with success, making a special feature of his dairying. His farm is in a good condition, and his residence is pleasant and attractive.

In 1861, on November 6, he was joined in marriage with Miss Martha J. Bradley, a native of Lee. She died in 1877, aged thirty-seven years, leaving a son and daughter, Cora D. and William B., both of whom are now living. In May, 1881, he married for his second wife Miss Alice G. Goodrich, who was born in Stockbridge, Mass. By this union he also has a son and daughter; namely, Edith G. and George F.

The Republican party numbers Mr. Morell among its faithful adherents. He was its candidate for the legislature in 1874, and, although running far ahead of his ticket, was

defeated by the reactionary movement against prohibition in that election. For several years he has acted as chairman of the Republican Town Committee of Amherst. He has served his town most acceptably whenever chosen for any official capacity. He has been Assessor, and he is now a member of the School Committee. While a resident of Lenox, he served on the School Committee, and was chairman of that board for nine years. He served several successive years as moderator of the Lenox town meetings, and has long been President of the Village Improvement and Cemetery Associations. He is a member of the Amherst Grange. Though liberal in his religious views, he attends the Congregational church, of which he is one of the largest supporters, and of which his wife is an officer.

**D**AVID HILL, a well-known and respected attorney of Northampton, was born in Perrinton, Monroe County, N.Y., on February 9, 1838. On the paternal side he is of English antecedents, his father, Robert Hill, having been born and bred in Yorkshire, England.

After arriving at maturity, Robert Hill left his Yorkshire home for America, going first to Canada, where he lived a few years, and where in 1829 he married Isabel McMitchell, who, born in the north of Ireland, was reared in Canada. He was a blacksmith, following that trade in Perrinton, N.Y., whither he removed soon after his marriage, until past middle life, also carrying on general farming on the homestead which he there purchased. Both he and his wife lived to an advanced age. He died in 1879, and she ten years later. They had a family of sixteen children, of whom four sons and four daughters grew to adult life. Of the four sons two have since

died, namely: George H., a farmer in Wayne County, New York, who died at Palmyra, August 4, 1894, aged sixty-four years, leaving one son and one daughter; and Robert L., a farmer on the old homestead, died at the age of fifty-six years. One son besides the subject of this sketch is now living; namely, Nelson H. Hill, a farmer at Bushnell Basin, Monroe County, N.Y.

David Hill was reared on the home farm, and there obtained a practical experience in agriculture, not taking a permanent leave of farm life until about thirty years of age. He acquired a good education, leaving the district school when fifteen years old to attend the Lima Academy, and subsequently pursuing his studies at Fairfield Academy, in Herkimer County. This institution he left in 1862 to defend the old flag, volunteering as a private in the One Hundred and Twenty-first New York Volunteer Infantry. He was early promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant. On his promotion his friends at home presented him with a sword, toward the purchase of which no one was allowed to contribute more than one dollar. This sword is one of Mr. Hill's most cherished possessions. His war service, however, was mostly in the Army of the Potomac, as Captain of Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-second New York Volunteer Infantry, from which he was discharged a scarred veteran, he having received many wounds, though the only very serious one was the wound in his right hand, received at the battle of Spottsylvania, May 12, 1864. After receiving his discharge, he returned to Fairfield Seminary, and completed his course there, and then entered Amherst College, Amherst, Mass., graduating in the semi-centennial class of 1871. In the fall of 1871 Mr. Hill came to Easthampton, accepting the position of a teacher in Williston Seminary,

where he remained as one of the corps of instructors five years. While there he devoted his leisure to his professional studies, reading law with Judge Bassett, and entered the Boston University Law School in 1877. He graduated from there the following year, and was admitted to the bar in June, 1878. In 1882, having rested and travelled in the West for a year, Mr. Hill formed a copartnership with J. B. O'Donnell in Northampton, and has since then won an excellent reputation in his professional career and a large general law practice. Politically, he is an uncompromising Democrat, although he has not been conspicuous in official positions. For three years he served as chairman of the Board of Education in Easthampton, and for several years has been chairman of the parish committee of the Payson Congregational Church of that place.

Mr. Hill was married June 7, 1880, to Josephine Scott, of Perrinton, N.Y., a daughter of William Scott, deceased. They have five sons, as follows: David Arthur, born in 1880, who is in Williston Seminary; Anson Harris, born in 1883; Robert Scott, born in 1885; Francis Web, born in 1887; and Joseph Henry, a bright little lad, born in 1892. Should these sons, so favorably launched upon life's journey, grow to stalwart men, with the physical, mental, and moral attainments of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hill will have served their day and generation well, and will have a family of which they may be justly proud.

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 CHRISTOPHER W. PAIGE, an old and respected resident of Prescott, was born in Hardwick, Mass., February 22, 1821, son of Christopher and Judith (Bigelow) Paige. The Paige family is of English and Scotch origin. The first repre-

sentatives in this country were three brothers, who came to America in 1665, and settled in Medford, Mass., where the old Paige farm is still occupied by members of the family. Jesse Paige, the grandfather of Christopher W., was an early settler in Hardwick, where he worked industriously, tilling the soil during a long and exemplary life, and was counted among the well-to-do residents. In religious belief he was a Congregationalist. A family of five children brightened his household, two sons and three daughters.

Christopher Paige, the father of Mr. Paige, was born and bred in Hardwick. In 1822 he moved to Prescott, settling on the farm which is now occupied by his son, and for many years was engaged in general farming. The Paige farm was formerly owned by Constant Ruggles; and at the time of its purchase by Mr. Paige it consisted of one hundred acres of good land, the yearly crops from which yielded him a handsome income. Politically, Mr. Paige supported Democratic principles. He was a man of prominence in the town, and served as Postmaster, Selectman, and in other minor offices. His religious creed was that of a Congregationalist, and he was an active worker in the interest of the Congregational Society of the town. He lived to be eighty-one years of age, dying at the homestead. His wife, who was a native of North Brookfield, attained the advanced age of ninety-two. Six children were born to them, as follows: John Foster, who died at the age of eighty-three; Nancy, wife of Chester Conkey, also deceased; Mary, who died in the dawn of young womanhood, at the age of sixteen; Francis B., familiarly known as Deacon Paige, who died at seventy-six; Abigail, widow of Rodney Russell, residing in Prescott; and Christopher W., whose name heads this article.

Christopher W. Paige received his education in the schools of Prescott. At the same time he acquired familiarity with the details of farm work. After finishing with school, he worked on the home farm for some time longer, and then for the succeeding twenty-five years in miscellaneous callings. These included stock trading, peddling, fur dealing, and trapping. In 1867 he purchased the old home farm, and has since been successfully engaged in its cultivation. This is said to be the oldest farm in town. The dwelling-house, which was built in 1810, is a fine type of the old-style New England family residence, generously planned, with large airy rooms. At the time of its erection it was one of the best houses in the locality, and in the many years that have passed since that time it seems to have lost little of its stability.

On April 9, 1845, Mr. Paige was united in marriage with Mary E. Bigelow, a native of North Brookfield, born March 25, 1825, daughter of John and Betsey (Maynard) Bigelow. She died August 3, 1895, after completing over fifty years of married life. She was highly esteemed by all who knew her, and was a faithful Christian wife and mother. Three sons and three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Paige, as follows: Mary Jane, who died in infancy, living but seventeen months; Charles W., who lives with his father; John C., also on the home farm; Mary B., wife of Reuben Horr, a farmer of Prescott; Warren B. and Nellie Belle, living at the old home.

Mr. Paige votes with the Democratic party. He has been and is still one of the most active citizens of the town, and is respected and loved by all who know him. He is a member of the Congregational church, which he and his wife joined in 1875, and has served as a church official. Though he has lived

nearly three-quarters of a century, he continues in active occupation upon his farm; and much of his leisure time also is spent out of doors. He takes much interest in a varied collection of fish with which he has stocked a pond on his estate, and he may be often seen engaged in feeding his finny pets.

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FREDERICK A. DAYTON, Superintendent of Streets at Northampton, Mass., was born in his present residence, February 27, 1856.

Mr. Dayton is a son of Charles Dayton, who was born in 1807 in Norwich, Conn., and in 1837 married Abbie Brown, the daughter of Brigham Brown, of Leicester, Mass. After their marriage the parents settled on the fifty-acre farm in this town. In addition to tilling the soil, Mr. Dayton established the first milk route in Northampton, carrying the milk from house to house suspended from his broad shoulders by means of a yoke, often sixty quarts at a time. He was very enterprising, and became quite influential. He was Highway Surveyor for many terms. He and his wife were among the early Methodists of this place, worshipping with that denomination when their meetings were held in the Town Hall. They had seven children that grew to maturity. They were as follows: Henry E., an artist, painter, and decorator, who died in the summer of 1894, leaving one son, George E.; Franklin O., for many years a prominent business man of Chicopee, now living retired in Springfield; William H., formerly a partner with his brother Franklin O. in Chicopee, who died in May, 1884, leaving a widow; Hammond B., a machinist, and for many years a gauge and tool maker at Smith & Wesson's, who died in January, 1883, leaving a widow, who passed away about a year later; Julia E.,

wife of C. E. Hubbard, of Hatfield, and mother of Dr. Hubbard, of South Hadley; Ellen M., wife of G. W. Fitch, a dairy farmer in Amherst, who is the son of George C. Fitch, a wealthy farmer; and Frederick A., the subject of this review. The mother died in 1881, having reached threescore years and ten. The father died in February, 1884.

Frederick A. Dayton was educated in the grammar schools of Northampton. After reaching the age of twelve years, he was unable to attend school except during the winter months. He assisted on the farm of his brother-in-law during the summer season until he attained the age of sixteen. In the spring of 1873 he began to work at the carpenter's trade, which he followed for fourteen years. In that period he became the head mechanic and builder for Smith & Livermore. In 1885 he bought the Justin Thayer farm, adjoining the old Dayton homestead, and engaged in farming and dairying. He succeeded to the milk business of his father, but conducted it on a much larger scale, employing fine teams to take the milk over the long route. He was very successful during the eight or nine years in which he was employed in this way. He brought his farm to a high condition, and built a fine stock barn for the accommodation of his dairy of twenty cows. In all Mr. Dayton had the assistance of a kind-hearted and wealthy uncle, Lucien Brown, of Philadelphia. He sold his farm in June, 1894, to the Boston & Maine Railway Company at a handsome profit. He intends soon to build a family residence on Washington Avenue.

Mr. Dayton was first married May 12, 1874, to Rebecca McCandless, who died in 1885, leaving one daughter, Abbie B., the wife of Arthur O. Sanford, of Springfield. They had another daughter, Hattie R., who died in

1883, at the age of six years. Within a year of his first wife's decease Mr. Dayton married Laura H. Clapp, the daughter of R. W. Clapp, of Westhampton, a descendant of one of the early settlers of that town, and a relative of the first ordained minister of Westhampton. Two children have come of this union, namely: Laura C., born in 1889; and Frederick A., Jr., born in 1892. Mr. Dayton belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in politics is a stanch Republican. He has filled his present position as Superintendent of Streets for the past three years, giving universal satisfaction to all.

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teacher. He commenced teaching school at the age of sixteen, and continued in that calling for the greater part of the succeeding fifteen years. He also engaged in land surveying both in his native town and the adjoining counties. But finally, attracted by the independent life of a farmer, he purchased in 1860 the property on which he now resides, and has since been prosperously engaged in farming.

Mr. Allen has been twice married. His first marriage, which was performed in 1857, was with Levica Sherman, daughter of Thomas Sherman, of Ware, Mass. They had four children; namely, Elizabeth S. A., Mary L., Roswell, and Thomas. Of these Elizabeth married J. B. Ellis, of Crockett, Tex. The mother died February 26, 1879; and Mr. Allen wedded for his second spouse, in October, 1881, Mrs. Sarah E. (Rice) Walker, daughter of Lyman and Nancy (Bugbee) Rice, of Belchertown. Mrs. Allen's first husband was Henry L. Walker, son of Lyman and Mary (Gilbert) Walker, of Belchertown, where he was a successful farmer and resided his entire life. He died at the age of twenty-nine years, having been a member of the Congregational church and also an active worker in the Sabbath-school. Mr. Allen was for a period of twenty-five years a member of the School Board, and has always manifested a lively interest in all matters relating to education. He is independent in politics, and Mrs. Sarah E. Allen is a member of the Congregational church.

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**S**TILLMAN S. DOWNING, a worthy representative of one of the old families of Enfield and one of the few who have continued to reside on the homestead of their fathers, was born in En-

**S**AMUEL ALLEN, a very successful farmer and prominent resident of Belchertown, was born at Prescott, Mass., August 14, 1828. His father, Roswell Allen, was born at East Windsor, Conn., in the year 1798; and his grandfather, Samuel Allen, was a lifelong resident of that State.

Roswell Allen received a good common-school education, and in his young manhood taught school. In 1824 he married Beulah Chapin, and they had a family of eight children. In 1828 he moved to Prescott, where he continued to reside until 1845. He then removed to Belchertown, and settled upon a farm of two hundred and thirty acres, situated in the central portion of the town. He conducted this farm very successfully during the remainder of his life, and died on April 28, 1868. He was a Whig in politics, and was a member of the legislature during the years 1839 and 1840.

Samuel Allen made the most of his opportunities for procuring an education in the common schools and at the Hopkins Academy. He was an apt scholar and afterward an apt

field, August 12, 1823, son of James and Roxana (Firbush) Downing.

James Downing was born in Boston in the memorable year of 1775. Early in life he learned the trade of a shoemaker, and followed that vocation for many years. He also engaged in farming on a small scale, moving to Enfield about 1814, where he settled on the farm now owned and occupied by his son, Stillman S. He reared a family of sixteen children. Of these four survive, and are as follows: George W. Downing, a successful agriculturist of Enfield; Smith Downing, a large fruit-grower and farmer in the State of New York; Jerome F. Downing, a large land-owner of Erie, Pa., where he is also engaged in the insurance business, being prominently connected with the North American Insurance Company; and Stillman S. Downing, who is next to the youngest of those now living. It may be further said of Jerome F. Downing that he is a very successful man. Besides his property in Pennsylvania, he owns seven thousand acres of land in North Dakota, six thousand of which are under cultivation. As general agent of the North American Insurance Company he has the direction of two thousand men. The father died on the old home farm, eighty-three years of age, and the mother in the fifty-sixth year of her age.

Stillman S. Downing received a good practical education in the district school. As a child he showed considerable mechanical ability in the erection of miniature chimneys and old-fashioned fireplaces from soft brick, which he cut up for the purpose. He was only seven or eight years old when he began to learn the trade of a mason. He has done a great deal of the mason work in Enfield and vicinity, and still continues to follow that avocation to a limited extent. He has also engaged in general farming. Besides enlarging the old

farm left to him by his father, he has bought another of one hundred and fifteen acres in Belchertown, this county, making in all about two hundred acres. Mr. Downing is essentially a self-made man. During all his life he has enjoyed most excellent health, never having had occasion to call a doctor to his home. On October 8, 1856, he was united in marriage with Miss Ruth Carter, who was born in Canada in January, 1824. He has one daughter, Eliza Downing, just now absent from home. His wife died August 11, 1877. In his political relations Mr. Downing is a stanch Republican, while in matters concerning religion he is liberal.

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IRVING B. HAYES, M.D., a well-known and very successful physician of Florence, Mass., was born at Farmington, N.H., March 17, 1862. His father, Benjamin F. Hayes, was born there in 1813, his grandfather, David Hayes, in 1787, the latter having been a son of Joseph Hayes, whose father, Benjamin, was a son of Peter Hayes and a grandson of John Hayes, who emigrated from Scotland, and settled at Dover, N.H., in 1680. David Hayes wedded Eliza Furber, daughter of Richard Furber, and successfully followed agriculture in Strafford County, New Hampshire, where the family have resided for a period of over two hundred years. He raised a family of two sons and four daughters, who grew to maturity, and of whom Dr. Hayes's father and his sister Deborah, wife of Jonathan Seavey, of Rochester, N.H., are the only survivors. David Hayes died at the age of seventy-two, in the year 1859; and his wife survived him about six years. Mrs. Benjamin F. Hayes, whose name before marriage was Elizabeth Waldron, was born at South Berwick, Me., in



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1817, and is still active at the age of seventy-eight years. Her father was the sixth consecutive Richard Waldron, descended from William Waldron, brother of the famous Major Waldron, first President of the once republic of New Hampshire. The original ancestor, who came to America from England in 1634, and was known as Recorder William Waldron, settled at Dover, N.H., then a part of the Colony of Massachusetts, in 1636. The family, numerous members of which have distinguished themselves in different walks of life, have resided in Strafford County, New Hampshire, for many years, occupying a position of wealth and influence. Dr. Hayes's maternal grandmother was a daughter of Richard Kimball, of New Hampshire. The parents of Dr. Hayes, who were both teachers in early life, were married in the month of December, 1841. They reared five children, three sons and two daughters: Mary A. Hayes married R. G. Hayes, of Dover, and died at the age of twenty-one; David resides at the old homestead, having a wife and one child; Lizzie K. also lives at the home; Dr. J. G. Hayes, of Williamsburg, Mass., has one son.

Irving B. Hayes, the third son, received his primary education in the common schools, and at the age of fourteen began his higher studies under the tuition of his brother and his cousin. At the age of seventeen he entered Dartmouth College, where he was graduated in 1883, when he was twenty-one years old. He followed civil engineering for three years, and then studied medicine at the University of New York, graduating from Long Island College Hospital in 1889. He commenced the practice of his profession in Atlanta, Ga., where, in company with his brother, he resided until 1893, when he came to Florence, where he now has a very large and exceedingly profitable practice. He is a searching

investigator into the scientific principles of his useful profession and one of the coming lights of the regular school of medical practice.

On January 29, 1895, Dr. Hayes was most happily wedded to Miss Agnes F. Crier, of Florence, daughter of John and Sarah (Irwin) Crier. Her parents were natives of England, and are now deceased, the father having first passed away. The mother, being left a widow, succeeded in providing her daughter with a good education, which was obtained at the schools of Holyoke and in Boston. Mrs. Crier became well known and highly respected in Florence, where she was actively engaged in church work; and Miss Crier was a very successful music teacher previous to her marriage. Dr. Hayes is a Fellow of the Massachusetts Medical Society of the Hampshire County District and a Master Mason. The pleasant home where he now resides was purchased by him in 1894.

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**R**USSELL L. ROBERTS, a respected citizen of Northampton, was born in Gill, Franklin County, Mass., November 10, 1824, son of Alsetus and Betsey (Robinson) Roberts. His paternal grandfather, whose wife was a Miss Brooks, was a farmer in Gill; and in that town Alsetus Roberts was born and passed his life, dying in 1853, at the age of fifty-eight. Mrs. Roberts was born in Greenwich, Mass. She came of a long-lived family, her grandmother, Sarah (Smith) Robinson, living to the age of one hundred and two years, and her brothers and sisters outliving the allotted age of man. Mrs. Roberts died aged ninety-two years. The surviving children of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are as follows: Russell L., the subject of this sketch; Horatio N., a dentist in Alton,

Ill., who has one son; Holland F., a farmer in Gill, unmarried; Lyman A., a printer in the employ of the government for the past ten years at Washington, who has a wife, one son, and two daughters, and who served three years in the Civil War. Those deceased are: Sarah C., Holland, Smith, and Mary Jane.

Russell L. Roberts was reared to farm life, attending the district school regularly until ten years of age. After that, until he was eighteen, he went to school only in the winter, working upon the farm during the summer months. When a little over nineteen years old, he bought his time of his father for forty dollars, and worked four years in the woollen factory. He was then employed for a while at cutlery work in Shelburne Falls; and in 1854 he moved to Portage, Wis., where he worked at carpentering. He finally came East to take charge of the farm of his father-in-law, which he now owns. He removed to Northampton in 1891, taking up his abode at 68 High Street, in the comfortable dwelling which he erected in 1884. Besides his home property and the farm which formerly belonged to his father-in-law, he owns two lots in Northampton, where he grows corn and potatoes. Mr. Roberts has retired from active work, and is living quietly at his home on High Street.

On September 27, 1847, Mr. Roberts was united in marriage to Reuma R. Haynes, of Guilford, Vt., daughter of Asa and Sally (Briggs) Haynes, the former of Guilford, the latter of Leyden, Mass. Asa Haynes was a notable man in his day, strong mentally, physically, and spiritually. He was a carpenter by trade, and was active in evangelical work, a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church, preaching forcibly and earnestly. At one time he had charge of the Methodist Episcopal church at Hatfield. He broke one

leg three times, the third fracture crippling him for life; but the brightness of his spirit was undimmed, and he preached eloquently from his bed of pain. He conducted a farm for family needs; and this, as already stated, Mr. Roberts, his son-in-law, took charge of and owns to-day. Asa Haynes died in 1868, in his eighty-fourth year. His wife died in 1861, at the age of seventy-eight. At the time of her death nine of their twelve children were living. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes left no property, but were tenderly cared for in their last days by Mr. and Mrs. Roberts. Mr. Roberts's mother also spent her last years with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have had five children, all of whom have passed away. Two died in infancy, and Leuetta A. was fatally scalded when but a little over four years old. Russell J. Roberts died in December, 1885, aged thirty-eight years, leaving a widow and two children, one of whom, William H., is with his grandfather. Emerriah Roberts, who was a jeweller at Northampton, died in November, 1886, at the age of thirty-one, leaving a wife and one daughter, Lulu May Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts belong to the Methodist church, of which he has been a member nearly fifty years, and which she joined when five years of age, receiving baptism by immersion at that time.

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**P**YMAN RICE, a lifelong resident and a prosperous farmer of Belchertown, was born there, September 29, 1812. His father, Horatio Rice, also a native of Belchertown, received a good common-school education, and, adopting agriculture as an occupation, purchased a farm in his native town about the year 1810. Here he resided for the remainder of his life. He

married Elizabeth Allen, daughter of Edward Allen, of Belchertown. The five children that blessed their union were: Almena, Lyman, Elvira, Horatio, and Marcus. His wife died on November 22, 1822; and he passed away in 1871, aged eighty-four years.

Lyman Rice attended the public schools of his native town, where he became proficient in the common branches of study. He was reared to an agricultural life. Until he was twenty years old he resided at home, where he assisted his father upon the farm, thereby acquiring the practical knowledge necessary to make a successful farmer. He then purchased a small piece of property. Later he added to this until he had a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. It is situated in the southwestern part of the town. Under his wise management it has become very productive, and now yields him very satisfactory returns for his outlay.

Mr. Rice has been twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Bugbee, was a daughter of Nehemiah Bugbee. The ceremony was performed November 2, 1837. By this union he had two children, as follows: Sarah E., born August 23, 1838, now the wife of Samuel Allen; and Jennie C., born August 23, 1840. His second wife, Sophia A. Rice before marriage, daughter of John and Jerusha Rice, of Springfield, also became the mother of two children: Edward Lyman and George Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Rice are members of the Congregational church.

CHARLES HERBERT KELLOGG, junior member of the firm of Daniels & Kellogg, grocers, of Northampton, was born in 1858 in the town of Hadley, son of Benjamin A. and Sarah (Moody) Kellogg. Benjamin A. Kellogg, now a resident

of Northampton, was born in Hadley in 1832, son of Charles Austin Kellogg, also a native of Hadley, who was born in 1803. Charles Austin Kellogg was a very prominent man of that town, in which he spent his entire life of fourscore years, being a prosperous farmer, a leader in public affairs, and an adherent of the Democratic party. He married Maria Augusta Cook, who died at the good old age of seventy-five years. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Kellogg, Alvin Moody, was also an influential citizen of this county, belonging to one of the oldest of the South Hadley families.

Charles H. Kellogg was given every opportunity for obtaining a substantial education, being a regular attendant at school until his eighteenth year. At this time he was suspended from school privileges on account of the misdemeanor of another pupil. He subsequently served an apprenticeship at plumbing in Northampton, and worked at that trade for four years. He then entered the employment of Allan Clark and J. A. Ross as clerk in their grocery store, where he remained for seven years. At the end of that time, being familiar with the details of the business, he formed a partnership with Charles A. Daniels for carrying on a similar business, and bought out the firm of C. H. Boyden, since which he has been prominently identified with the mercantile interests of this city.

Mr. Kellogg was united in marriage November 9, 1888, with Miss Ada M. Day, of this city, a graduate of the high school and the daughter of Luke Day, a prominent city official. Since their union they had one child, Mabel, who died in 1893, thirty-two months old. In all the walks of life Mr. Kellogg is esteemed by all who know him as an able and upright business man, a devoted husband, a kind neighbor, and a loyal friend.

He is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a Master Mason. In politics he is a Republican, uniformly casting his vote for the candidates of that party.

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**H**ON. SAMUEL MILLS COOK, a public-spirited, influential citizen of Granby, was born in that town, November 1, 1822. He represents one of the most respected pioneer families of the district. His father, the late Deacon Perez Cook, who came in boyhood to Granby, was born in Hadley, married Hannah Clarke, a native of the town, bought a farm here, and was afterward identified with the best interests of the place, occupying a prominent position among the town and county officials. He and his wife lived to a venerable age, dying on the old homestead, now occupied by the subject of this sketch, successively, in 1876 and 1879. Eight children were born to them, as follows: Henry, Hervey, and Henry (second), all of whom died in infancy; Sarah Louise, the first-born, now living in Minnesota; Samuel Mills, of this sketch; Henry, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Angeline, formerly a teacher in Tennessee, now residing with her brother, Mr. S. M. Cook; and Hervey S., who also resides with Mr. Cook.

Samuel Mills Cook, who acquired a good education in his youthful days, began the battle of life at the early age of fifteen years, his culture, perseverance, and self-reliance being his chief endowments. At the age of sixteen years he was appointed a teacher in the district school at Belchertown, where he had taught but one term when he was promoted to the village school in the centre of the town. He spent a year here when, being desirous of advancing his own education, he entered the

Belchertown Academy as a pupil teacher, under Mr. Joshua Pearl, at the same time availing of every opportunity to pursue his own studies. Then he taught with Mr. Pearl in the Warren Seminary for a time, subsequently going from there to Chicopee, where he had charge of the grammar school for seven years. Mr. Cook was next professionally employed at Limestone Springs, S.C., where he taught mathematics and languages for a year. After this he abandoned teaching. He set out for St. Cloud, Minn., but stopped *en route* at Minneapolis — then a small village, containing but eight hundred souls — and for two years carried on a successful lumbering business. In 1858 he came once more to Hampshire County, where, in addition to farming, he engaged in paper manufacturing as a member of the well-known firm of Taylor, Cook & Co., proprietors of a paper-mill in South Hadley. He subsequently received severe injuries in the mill, after which he returned to his present farm, where he is living practically retired from the activities of life. His estate is finely improved and amply supplied with substantial and well-arranged buildings and all the necessary machinery and implements for general farming conducted according to the most approved methods. He is also interested in the lumbering business, owning ten thousand acres of timbered and prairie land in Minnesota.

On October 19, 1857, Mr. Cook was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Smith, a native of this county and daughter of Levi and Fanny (Hayes) Smith, the latter being a sister of ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes. Mr. Cook was elected in 1880 and re-elected in 1881 to represent the county in the Senate. He has since been prominent in official life, serving his constituents with credit to himself and benefit to them. He has always taken an

active interest in the welfare of his native town and county. He has been Assessor, Selectman, was for thirty years chairman of the School Committee, and has held his present office of County Commissioner for fourteen years. Politically, he is an earnest supporter of the principles of the Republican party and one of its most influential members. He is a Trustee of the Northampton Institution for Savings, and was one of the first Directors of the bank at South Hadley Falls. Religiously, both Mr. and Mrs. Cook are valued members of the Congregational church of Granby.

**S**TEPHEN H. RHODES, a veteran of the Civil War, who is now a prosperous resident and an extensive real estate owner of Pelham, was born in that town, June 14, 1836, son of Joel and Lucy (Allen) Rhodes. Mr. Rhodes's father, who was the son of Zebulon Rhodes, was born in Leyden, Mass., and was employed in lumbering. He also worked at the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a greater part of his active period. He settled in Pelham, where he resided for the remainder of his life, and died July 6, 1864. His wife, Lucy Allen, who was born in Pelham, became the mother of nine children, four sons and five daughters. Of these four are now living, namely: Caroline, widow of Nelson Horr, of Enfield; Nancy, widow of Lorin Woods, of Enfield; Stephen H., the subject of this sketch, who is the eldest son; and John, a resident of Enfield. The mother died in 1891.

Stephen H. Rhodes was educated in the district schools of his native town; and, after completing his education, he learned the carpenter's trade. When a young man, he started as a carpenter and builder upon his

own account; and that has been his principal business through life. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in Company C, Thirty-first Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers. He participated in several important battles of the Civil War, receiving injuries from the effects of which he has never fully recovered. He was honorably discharged in May, 1864, and, returning to Pelham, resumed his former occupations, which he has followed since. For the thrift and industry he has practised he now can show his large farm in Pelham of four hundred acres, besides valuable real estate in Amherst and Holyoke.

In March, 1874, Mr. Rhodes was united in marriage to Lizzie Benjamin. She was born in Pelham, daughter of Peter and Lorisa Benjamin, the former of whom is no longer living. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes had seven children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Bertie A., Joseph E., Mertie E., Edward H., Nina L., and Alice C. The mother died June 22, 1885. Mr. Rhodes is independent in politics and liberal in his religious views.

**C**HAUNCEY H. PIERCE, a prominent insurance agent and real estate dealer of Northampton, was born in Amherst, Mass., May 16, 1848, son of Chauncey and Florilla Cooley Pierce. Some of the best blood of the early Puritans of New England courses through his veins. He is a descendant of John Pers, a weaver, who emigrated from England in 1654, and settled in Watertown, Mass.

Chauncey Pierce, father of Mr. Pierce, was a native of Amherst, born in 1816. He was a well-known carriage-maker, and died in 1849. His wife, who was a native of Sunderland, bore her husband four children, as fol-

lows: Jane W., who died when thirteen years old; Edwin H., who married, located in Springfield, and died in 1886, aged forty-five years; Ellen M., the wife of Ira A. Harvey, of Northampton; and Chauncey H., the subject of this article, and with whom the mother, a bright and intelligent woman of eighty-eight years, makes her home.

Chauncey H. Pierce began his career as a self-supporting member of society when twelve years old, entering Marsh's book store as a clerk, and remaining five years. He was next employed as a salesman in Merritt Clark's clothing store, and was afterward engaged in the insurance office of Allen & Pratt for six months. Becoming familiar with the insurance business, he became general agent for the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, giving his entire attention to that business for a year. Mr. Pierce was then offered by A. Perry Peck a half-interest in his fire insurance agency, which he accepted. They began business in 1871, under the firm name of Peck & Pierce. After ten years Mr. Peck retired, leaving Mr. Pierce to conduct the business alone. Mr. Pierce has dealt extensively in mortgages, besides being largely interested in various monetary enterprises. With A. McCallum he organized the Northampton Electric Light Company, and for several years was its Manager and Treasurer. He holds the office of Treasurer still. He is also one of the Directors of the Northampton National Bank, a Trustee of the Academy of Music, was a member of the last Board of Selectmen of the old town, a President of the Common Council of the new city for three years, and is now one of the Committee of Trust Funds.

Mr. Pierce was married October 13, 1870, to Isabella D. Lewis, of this city, a daughter of Lucius and Arabella (Warner) Lewis, both

natives of Suffield, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have two children: Mabel A., born October 16, 1872, who is an accomplished pianist, having graduated under the private instruction of the eminent Professor Blodgett; and Alvin L., born January 15, 1880, who is a pupil of Williston Seminary. Mr. Pierce has gained a high standing in the community.

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ILLIAM E. SMITH, a prominent contractor and builder of Amherst and chairman of the Board of Selectmen, was born in New Salem, Mass., April 17, 1836, son of Nathan and Lydia (Merriman) Smith. Mr. Smith's ancestors figured prominently in early Colonial history. His grandfather, Bradwyl Smith, was born in the vicinity of Boston, and was a blacksmith by trade. He became an early settler in New Salem, where he owned a farm, and followed agriculture in connection with his trade until his death, which occurred when he was ninety-one years old. He raised a family of five sons and three daughters.

Nathan Smith, Mr. Smith's father, was born in New Salem, where he was a prosperous farmer for many years. He moved to the town of Gill, where he resided for a number of years, and died in Clinton, Mass., aged eighty-four. Nathan Smith during his earlier years was a Democrat in politics. His wife, Lydia Merriman before marriage, who was born in Northfield, June 10, 1809, became the mother of three children, as follows: William E., the subject of this sketch; Maria R., wife of Frank E. Field, of Clinton; and Nathan W., a resident of Miller's Falls, Mass. The mother, who still survives, resides in Clinton. Mr. Smith's parents became members of the Universalist church.

William E. Smith passed his boyhood in





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Gill and Bernardston, and was educated at the Goodell Academy. He taught school for a time, and then went to Greenfield, where he learned the trade of a carpenter. After working as a journeyman for some time, he became a master builder, taking contracts and erecting many buildings in different sections of the Connecticut valley. In 1862 he located in Amherst, where he has since conducted a large and successful business. Mr. Smith is independent in politics. He is at the present time chairman of the Board of Selectmen, in which capacity he is serving his second term, is chairman of the Board of Health, and has been Assessor for the past five years.

On November 13, 1861, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to his first wife, whose maiden name was Sarah E. Hyde, and by this union he has three daughters, namely: Minnie H. and Alice M., who are married; and Elizabeth S. Mr. Smith's first wife died in 1878. On January 29, 1895, he wedded for his second wife Mrs. Ellen M. Howes, formerly Miss Draper, widow of Charles O. Howes, late of Amherst. Mr. Smith has reached his present position of prosperity by close application to every detail of his business. His quiet, unassuming, yet straightforward, manner has won the confidence of all who know him; and he is looked upon by his fellow-townersmen with the highest respect and esteem. Mr. and Mrs. Smith attend the Congregational church.

**M**ERITT F. SAMPSON, a highly esteemed citizen of Hatfield, Mass., a successful agriculturist, is a native of Vermont, having been born in the town of Stamford of that State, June 25, 1846. He is a son of Chester and Rhoda A. (Nash) Sampson, and a grandson of Calvin and Polly (Millard) Sampson.

The Sampson family are of English origin, their first representatives in America having been among the early Plymouth colonists. Henry Sampson came over in the "Mayflower" in 1620. His brother Abraham, ancestor of the branch now being considered, is recorded as living in Duxbury, Mass., in 1643. Isaac, a descendant, who was born in Plympton and who served in the French and Indian War, settled in Middleboro, Mass., where his son Jacob was born in 1760. At twenty years of age Jacob Sampson went to New Salem, Mass., but later removed to Stamford, Vt., and there purchased a large tract of wild land. He died in 1842, eighty-two years of age. Calvin Sampson, son of Jacob, was born in New Salem on May 31, 1783. He went with his parents to Vermont, where his life was spent in farming. When twenty-two years of age he was united in marriage with Miss Polly Millard, and they had three sons and two daughters; namely, Thankful, Chauncey, Chester, Almira, and Calvin T.

Chester Sampson, the father of Meritt F. Sampson, was born in Stamford, Vt. He was brought up on the home farm, and engaged in agricultural labors in his native State until 1848. He then removed to Williamstown, Mass., and purchased a farm on which he lived for ten years. From that place he went to North Adams, where he became interested in gardening. He died on May 29, 1878, when sixty-one years of age. His wife's death occurred on February 16, 1885, in her sixtieth year. She left three children; namely, Mary, Meritt F., and Carrie. Their father was a Republican in politics, and he was a member of the Baptist church.

Meritt F. Sampson received a good practical education in the schools of Williamstown and North Adams. When a young man he went to work in a shoe factory. But as the con-

finement indoors proved detrimental to his health, he gave up that occupation and engaged in the more healthful vocation of farming. In 1863 he enlisted in the Fourth Regiment of Massachusetts Cavalry, in which he had served two years, when he was mustered out of service in December, 1865. He then re-enlisted in Company D of the Nineteenth United States Infantry Regiment, and served in the regular army, being stationed the greater part of the time at Pine Bluffs, Ark., until honorably discharged on May 3, 1869. In 1893 he came to Hatfield, Mass., and purchased the place of M. Billings on Main Street. He has made extensive alterations in it since, and now it is one of the finest residences in the village. He also owns about twenty-two acres of choice meadow land.

Mr. Sampson was married October 22, 1878, to Miss Isadore H. Kenney, a daughter of Lorenzo and Maria Kenney, of Greenfield. Their union has been blessed by two daughters, namely: Mary A., whose birth occurred on their wedding anniversary, October 22, 1882; and Bessie S., who was born May 15, 1886. Mr. Sampson is numbered among the loyal adherents of the Republican party. He is a member of the C. L. Sanford Post, No. 79, Grand Army of the Republic, of North Adams. On religious questions he holds liberal views.

A portrait of this representative citizen of Hampshire County will be seen on a neighboring page.

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**W**ALTER H. THAYER, an extensive and eminently successful hardware manufacturer of Williamsburg, Mass., was born there on September 5, 1862, son of William E. and Harriet E. (Dickinson) Thayer.

William E. Thayer's birth took place in

Peru, Berkshire County, on October 11, 1816. His parents were Eliphalet and Mary (Sears) Thayer, the former of whom was a son of Oliver Thayer, and was born in Braintree, Mass., in 1776. When Eliphalet was a child his parents moved to the northern part of the town of Williamsburg, where they purchased a farm, which is now owned by A. W. Alexander. The son also followed the life of an agriculturist. He married Miss Mary Sears, a descendant of one of the first families of Ashfield; and both lived to a good age. His death occurred in 1840, when sixty-four years of age. Seven of the ten children born to them grew to maturity, and were: Marietta, Rhoda, Ezra, Williston, Louisa, Roland, and William E. At the age of twelve years William E. Thayer came from Peru to Williamsburg to work as a clerk in the store of his brothers, Ezra and Williston Thayer. Later on he travelled for about five years selling clocks, after which he entered into partnership with his brother Ezra in the manufacture of steel pens, to which they afterward added the manufacture of hardware, kitchen utensils, and furniture. In 1856 they separated, he taking the hardware branch of the business to the old stand that had previously been used as a button and buckle manufactory, and which, with its water-power, he had purchased of D. W. Graves. Five years later he took down the old buildings and erected the present structures, together with tenement-houses and other necessary buildings. The factory gives employment to twenty-five men, and its products won for its proprietor a reputation throughout the New England and the Western States of a first-class manufacturer. In addition to his factory he conducted a large general store, which received a large share of the patronage of the surrounding country. About 1842 he bought the fine brick house on Main Street

built by his brother Ezra. In his political relations he was a Republican; and he served most acceptably as a Selectman of the town. He contributed largely toward the support of the Congregational church, and was in all walks of life a man whom to know was to respect. On October 20, 1840, he was joined in marriage with Miss Maria H. Dickinson, of Saybrook, Conn. Three of the five children born to them grew to maturity; namely, Frederick W., Alice M., and George D. Their mother died on August 14, 1859. On December 25, 1860, Mr. Thayer was again married, this time to Miss Harriet E. Dickinson, of Saybrook, Conn., a daughter of Captain John Dickinson, who followed the sea in his early life, but spent his last years on a farm. Three children were the fruit of this second marriage; namely, Walter H., Edith E., and H. Winifred. The latter is the wife of E. C. Clark, who is engaged in the insurance and real estate business at Northampton and Holyoke, Mass. Mr. Thayer died in 1893, and his widow now occupies the old homestead.

Walter H. Thayer received a good practical education in the schools of Williamsburg and at the academies of Easthampton, Mass., and Cheshire, Conn. He also took a business course at the Bryant & Stratton Business College in Manchester, N.H., where he graduated in 1881. He then went into his father's store as a general assistant, and travelled as a representative of the manufacturing department of the business a portion of the time. At his father's death he took full charge of the factory, put in new machinery, and made various other improvements. He has met with much success; and, though a young man, he ranks among the leading business men and manufacturers of the State.

Mr. Thayer casts his vote with the Republican party. He is connected with several fra-

ternal organizations, among which may be mentioned the Hampshire Lodge, A. F. & A. M., the Northampton Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the Northampton Commandery of Knights Templars. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In his religious views he is liberal.

**P**HINEAS PENDLETON NICHOLS, D.D.S., a popular and promising young dentist of the city of Northampton, was born April 19, 1860, in the town of Searsport, Me. The family are of English origin. The American ancestors, having emigrated to the United States, were early settlers on the coast of Maine. James Nichols, the great-grandfather of Dr. Nichols, was born in Searsport in 1733, and there spent his entire life. Ship-building was then in its infancy; and he became interested in the trade, finally adopting it as his life occupation. He was one of the founders of this industry in Maine.

William Nichols, the grandfather of the Doctor, was a well-known ship-builder of Searsport. His union in 1802 with Nancy Pendleton, a daughter of Alexander Pendleton, strengthened the tie between two of the most prominent families of that town. They reared five sons and three daughters, of whom William G. Nichols became the father of the subject of this sketch.

William G. Nichols was born in Searsport, April 5, 1833, and has since continued a resident of the place of his nativity, becoming one of its most respected and esteemed citizens. On September 28, 1857, he was united in marriage to Lillias Pendleton, a daughter of Captain Phineas and Wealthy (Carver) Pendleton. The Carvers are lineally descended from Sir John Carver, who was first Governor of Massachusetts, his descendants having located on the

Penobscot at an early day. The Carvers, Nicholases, Pendletons, and Griffins are very prominent in business and marine circles, being sea captains or ship builders. It is claimed they captain and control one-tenth of all the deep sea ships of the United States.

Dr. Nichols is one of two children born to his parents. The other child, a daughter, died in infancy. Ample opportunity was afforded him for obtaining an education, and after leaving Williston Seminary he was graduated from the Philadelphia Dental College in 1881. He began the practice of his profession in the place of his nativity, and during the eight years he remained there he met with flattering success. Desiring a more extended field Dr. Nichols came to Northampton in 1891, and formed a partnership with Dr. R. D. Brown. Three years later he bought out Dr. Brown's interest, and has since carried on the business independently. Dr. Nichols's practice is large and lucrative. He has earned a high reputation for skilful work.

On the 28th of January, 1891, Dr. Nichols was united in marriage with Maud McCready, a daughter of J. E. B. and Maud (Frieze) McCready, of St. John, N.B., where her father is well known as the editor of the *St. John Telegram*. Mrs. McCready died in early life, leaving two children, Mrs. Nichols and a son, Ernest W. McCready, who is on the editorial staff of the *New York Herald*. The only child born to the Doctor and his wife is a little daughter, Lillias Louine, born in 1895. Like her husband, Mrs. Nichols is finely educated, being a college graduate, and is the possessor of much artistic talent and taste. In politics the Doctor is a stanch Republican. He is a Knight Templar, and quite prominent in Masonic life, having joined that organization when twenty-one years old. He takes an intelligent interest in everything pertaining to

the progress of the city or county, and is held in high regard in business and social circles. In the spring of 1895 he purchased his elegant residence on Elm Street, which is one of the finest in the vicinity.

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**A**LANSON WELLS STACY, a large land-owner of Belchertown, was born upon the farm where he now resides, May 29, 1818. His father, Alanson Stacy, who was born in the same town, was a son of Mark Stacy, also a native of Belchertown, where his father, Moses Stacy, was, in all probability, a lifelong resident and a farmer. Mark Stacy, who married Julia Root, was also engaged in agricultural pursuits. He passed his entire life upon his farm, which was situated in the locality known as Turkey Hill, where his three sons and three daughters were born. Alanson Stacy at the age of fourteen years went to reside in the family of Phineas B. Clark, a well-to-do farmer of the neighborhood, who had no children of his own. At the death of Mr. Clark, Alanson inherited the farm and resided there until his death, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. His wife, whose maiden name was Delia Kelley, died at the same age as her husband, having been the mother of three children, of whom Mr. A. W. Stacy of this article is the only son.

Alanson Wells Stacy, subsequent to reaching his majority, was associated with his father for some years in carrying on the farm. He then became a resident of Springfield, where for a period of twelve years he was very successful in business. He then returned to Belchertown, having succeeded to the ownership of his father's property. This he has since increased so that at the present time he possesses over eight hundred acres of exceedingly valuable land.

Mr. Stacy has been twice married. On the first occasion, which was in 1839, he was united to Eunice M. Kendall, of Ludlow, daughter of Selah and Betsey Kendall. She died in 1865. His second marriage, performed in 1869, was with Adeline Emma Barnes, of Hardwick, Mass., daughter of Harvey Barnes, a farmer of that town. Eli Barnes, father of Harvey Barnes, also followed agriculture, and was, so far as known, a life-long resident of Hardwick. Harvey Barnes, who was reared to farm life, went to Boston when a young man, making the journey on foot and carrying all of his worldly possessions tied up in a handkerchief. He soon gained a footing in business, and, being very industrious, was able to advance rapidly. He embarked in a livery enterprise, which he successfully conducted for a period of ten years. Then disposing of it he returned to his native town and purchased the old homestead, where he subsequently resided for many years. He passed the last three years of his life in Brookfield, where he died at the age of eighty-three years. His wife, whose maiden name was Harriet Gragg, a native of Boston, died at the age of seventy-six. She bore him fourteen children, eleven of whom grew to maturity. By his first marriage Mr. Stacy had one daughter, who died at the age of twenty years. His present wife has borne him two children; namely, Avery Wells and Delia Estella. He has been a lifelong Democrat, but pressure of business has always withheld him from taking any prominent part in politics. He, however, served his fellow-townsman one year as chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and at its conclusion informed them that he would present the town with the amount due him for his services on condition that he should never again be called into public affairs.

Mr. Stacy has had an eminently successful

career, attributable chiefly to his energy and his industry. He is reckoned among the wealthiest residents of Belchertown. Although nearing his fourscore years, he is still vigorous and active. He has a commanding appearance, stands five feet nine inches in height, and has weighed two hundred and forty pounds.



GEORGE WILLIAM HUBBARD, M.D., a practising physician of South Hadley, was born in Hatfield, Mass., June 22, 1870, son of Charles E. and Julia E. (Dayton) Hubbard. Dr. Hubbard's father was a young man at the breaking out of the Civil War, and he enlisted in the Thirty-seventh Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until mustered out, participating in several important engagements. After the war he visited the West, where he remained for a time. He then returned to Hatfield and purchased a farm, consisting of one hundred and fifty acres, which he has improved to a considerable extent. He is now busily and successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, making a specialty of tobacco culture. Charles E. Hubbard's wife was a native of Northampton. George William is their only son.

George William Hubbard commenced his education in the public schools. He subsequently attended Smith Academy, from which he graduated in 1889, having won the first prize in oratory. He then studied medicine for one year with Dr. Fay, of Northampton, at the expiration of which time he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore, Md. After a three years' course in this institution he graduated with the class of 1894, and then spent some time in the Baltimore City Hospital. After this he returned to Hatfield, and a few weeks later began the

practice of his profession in South Hadley. Since establishing himself in his present field of usefulness Dr. Hubbard has succeeded in acquiring a large and lucrative practice, and has won the respect and hearty good-will of his fellow-townsman. He is a member and medical examiner of Lodge No. 2657, Knights of Honor, of South Hadley, and also a member of the medical staff at the Holyoke City Hospital. He is a member of the Congregational church; and, while a Republican in politics, he takes no particular interest in political affairs beyond casting his vote.

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**E**LIAS RUDE, a prosperous farmer of Huntington, was born in that town, November 29, 1834, son of Zara and Elizabeth (Patch) Rude. Mr. Rude's great-grandfather, John Rude, was a native of Norwich, Conn., and settled in Huntington, Mass., when there were but three houses in the town. He cleared and improved the farm, which is now owned and occupied by his great-grandson, and successfully followed agriculture until his death. He raised a family of three children, of whom John Rude, Jr., was Mr. Rude's grandfather. Grandfather Rude was born in Norwich, Conn., succeeded to the possession of the farm, and resided there until his death, which occurred in 1848. He was the father of seven children, as follows: Zara, Alvin, Clara, Elias, Harvey, Esula, and Norman.

Zara Rude, Mr. Rude's father, was born in Huntington and reared to agriculture, which he followed successfully through life. He was a Whig in politics, was highly esteemed, and was very popular with his fellow-townsman. He died at the age of seventy-four years. His wife, who was a native of Huntington, became the mother of twelve children, of whom

Elias Rude is the sole survivor. They were as follows: Thomas, who married Miranda Demon; John, who married Maria Holmes; Lucy, who became the wife of James Stevenson; Eliza, who married Ora Miller; Jerome, Lydia, and Electa, who died young; Nancy, who died at the age of twenty-two; Electa (second), who died at the age of twenty; Ora, who died aged twenty-four; Weltha, who died aged eighteen; and Elias, the subject of this sketch. The mother died in Huntington.

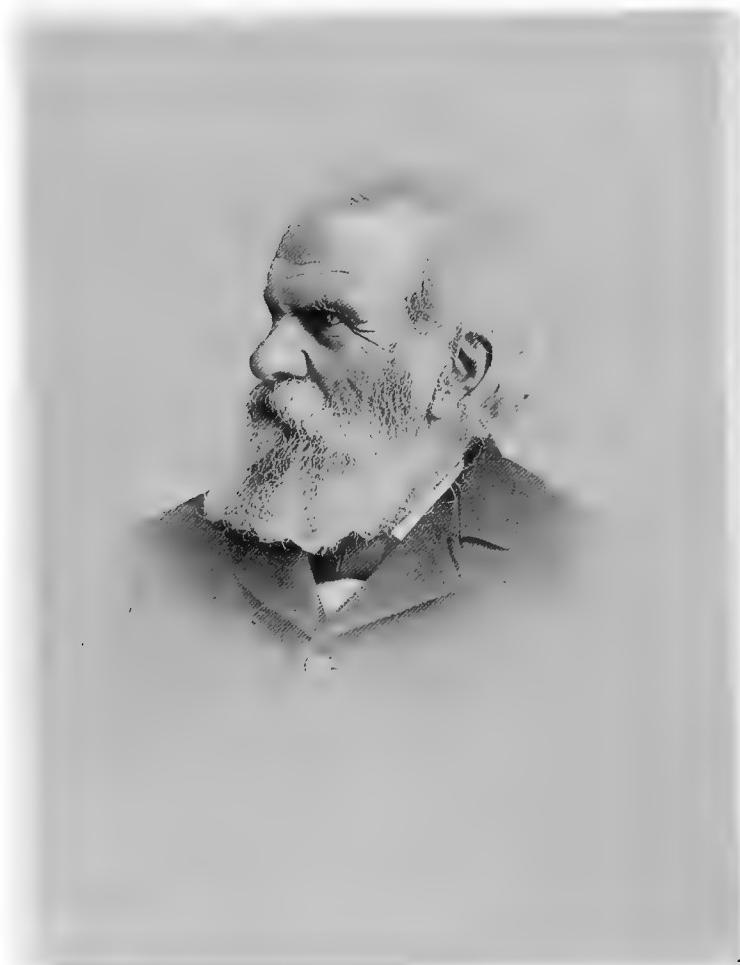
Elias Rude succeeded his father in the ownership of the old homestead, and has since resided there. He carries on general farming and dairying, and is engaged to a considerable extent in the manufacture of maple sugar. On December 14, 1857, Mr. Rude was united in marriage to Nancy A. Merritt. She was born in Conway, Mass., November 3, 1833, daughter of Austin Merritt, a prosperous farmer of that town. In politics Mr. Rude has always supported the Republican party.

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**G**ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT, a rising young lawyer of Northampton and a member of the law firm of Hill & Wainwright, is a New Yorker by birth, having been born in Fairport, Monroe County, N.Y., December 17, 1859, where his father, William C. Scott, was engaged in farming. His mother was before marriage Miss Mary Ann Woodin, and he was the youngest of the seven children born of her union. She died in middle life, leaving her infant son when but a week old. His father again married, and his second wife had one child. He was about forty years of age when he died, leaving his family in humble circumstances.

His paternal grandfather, John Scott, of Monroe County, was well known in that section through his profession of civil engineer.





AUSTIN ROSS.

He did a large amount of surveying in that vicinity, and was often called upon to settle disputed boundaries. His vocation seems to have been conducive to longevity, for he lived to be an octogenarian. Mr. Wainwright's maternal grandfather, Henry Woodin, spent his early life in Orleans, N. Y., whence he afterward removed to Birmingham, Mich. Here he engaged in agricultural pursuits, which had been his occupation in New York. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812; and his father, Amos Woodin, served for six months in the Revolutionary War, during which brief time he was promoted from the ranks to the office of sergeant.

At his mother's death J. Arthur Wainwright was adopted by a maternal aunt, Louisa Wainwright, the widow of Horatio Wainwright, who reared him from his mother's death. She is still living in Easthampton. He attended school in Orleans, N. Y., until he was twelve years of age. On April 1, 1872, the following year, he came with his adopted mother and sister to Easthampton. He then entered Williston Seminary, from which he graduated in 1875. In the fall of that year he entered Amherst College, completing his course with honors in the class of 1879, being in the first third of the class. While in college he became a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. He next read law under Judge Bassett. In 1882 he graduated from the Boston University, and in June of that year he was admitted to the bar in Northampton. The succeeding year he spent in the West on the Pacific Coast and in the vicinity of Puget Sound. Returning to Northampton he engaged in the practice of his profession with David Hill, forming the present firm of Hill & Wainwright. They do a large fire insurance business, representing a half-dozen companies at their Northampton office. Some

time ago they had an agency at Easthampton, which they subsequently disposed of.

Mr. Wainwright is a Democrat in his politics. He is a member of the Nonotuck Lodge, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed the chairs; of the Mary Lyon Lodge, No. 62, Daughters of Rebecca; of Mount Holyoke Encampment, No. 16; of Canton Meadow City, No. 29; of Knights of Honor, Norwood Lodge, No. 3343, in which he holds the official position of D. D. G. D. He was Major on the staff of George F. Amidon of the Brigade of the East, and is now serving as Aide-de-camp on the staff of Frank M. Merrill, Department Commander of Massachusetts. Mr. Wainwright is a communicant of Edwards Congregational Church, in which he is one of the committee on notices.

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**A**USTIN ROSS, of Florence, Mass., a prosperous farmer now living in restful retirement after many seasons of sowing and reaping, is one of the few remaining members of the famous "community" of fifty years ago. He was born at Mansfield, Tolland County, Conn., in 1812, and passed his early boyhood in Windham County in that State. His father, Elnathan Ross, who was born at Chaplin, in the above-named county and State in 1771, died of an epidemic fever in 1813, leaving a widow and eleven children, Austin being then but one year old. His wife, whose maiden name was Olive Storrs, and who was of a prominent family in the Connecticut valley, returned to the homestead of her father and cared for him until his decease, which occurred at the age of ninety-seven. Mrs. Olive S. Ross lived to the age of ninety-two years. Her children, who were distributed among strangers, all grew to maturity and became heads of families. With the ex-

ception of Austin Ross, all are now at rest. Harriet, wife of George Hunt, a farmer of Yates County, New York, reared one son, and died at the age of nearly fourscore years; and Caroline, who was born previous to Austin, and became the wife of George Wyman, of Potter, Yates County, reared a family of thirteen children, and died at the age of about seventy years.

Austin Ross was practically thrown upon his resources at the age of ten years, but continued to make his home among his brothers and sisters until reaching the age of fifteen, when he went to live with Deacon Knight, a rigid Presbyterian, from whom he acquired the shoemaker's trade, an occupation which he followed for a number of years at Chaplin.

In 1834, when he was twenty-two years of age, he married Miss Fidelia Rindge, who was born in Chaplin, Conn., in 1813. They came to Florence early in 1845, and entered the "community" founded in 1842 by the "Northampton Association of Education and Industry," Mr. Ross assuming charge of the agricultural department. An intelligent, liberal-minded, progressive class of people were drawn hither, including some prominent abolitionists. Mr. Ross, who had been dismissed from the Presbyterian church on account of his anti-slavery sentiments, is credited in the history of those times with having been a successful station agent on the "underground railroad." The community at Florence lasted only about four years. When it disbanded, Mr. Ross, in company with his uncle Abel Ross and J. C. Martin, purchased the farm for the sum of five thousand dollars, his portion consisting of about one hundred and fifty acres of the original four hundred. This he continued to cultivate with extremely profitable results; and, having in the course of time added to his estate, he now owns two hundred acres

of valuable land, which is divided into two farms.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross have buried an infant son. Their living children are: E. S. Ross, a merchant of Leeds, having two children; Dwight A. Ross, who resides upon his father's farm and has two sons and one daughter; and Martha Jane, wife of Robert M. Branch, a merchant of Florence, having two children. Mr. Ross retired from active labor in 1890, leaving the farm in charge of his son, and now lives at his pleasant home, which is situated upon the opposite side of Mill River. He is a Republican in politics, but was never an aspirant for public office. Well known and highly esteemed, he occupies a warm place in the hearts of the older residents of Florence.

On another page is given a portrait of this venerable citizen. Long years hence shall it be told for a memorial of him that he was wont to succor the distressed, that he helped to break the oppressor's yoke and set the captive free.

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**F**RANK H. N. GATES, overseer in the knitting department of the Otis Mill at Ware, Mass., was born where he now resides on July 26, 1858, son of Daniel and Sarah (Bullen) Gates, the former of whom was born in Barnard, Vt., in 1828.

Foster S. Gates, a descendant of an old New England family, and the grandfather of the subject of this biography, was also a native of Barnard, Vt., where his birth occurred in 1800. He followed the calling of an agriculturist, in which he met with a fair degree of success.

He married Miss Betsey McCormack, who was of Scottish ancestry; and they reared a family of two sons and three daughters, but all have since passed away. He died in 1884, twelve years after his wife's death, which occurred when she was seventy-six years of age.



F. H. N. GATES.



Daniel Gates, whose early years were spent on his father's farm in Barnard, Vt., removed in early manhood to Ware, Mass., where he secured employment in the Otis Mills. He rose rapidly to the position of overseer of the finishing department of the cloth mill; and, shortly after the hosiery department was started, he was made overseer in the knitting-room, and was employed there for twenty-three years, making in all forty-six years with the Otis Company. He was a member of the Masonic Council, and a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church. His connection with the latter lasted many years, and during a portion of that time he held the offices of Steward and Trustee. He died in 1889, sixty-one years of age. His wife, who was born in Waldo, Me., is a daughter of Samuel and Margaret (West) Bullen, both of whom were natives of Maine, his birth occurring in Farmington and hers in Belfast. They reared two sons and three daughters. Two are now living; namely, Mrs. Gates and her sister, Mrs. Margaret G. Marsh, residing in Malden, Mass. Mrs. Gates bore her husband five children, as follows: a daughter Bessie, who died in infancy; Ida Belle, who lived to be seventeen years of age; Foster S. Gates, an engineer on the Connecticut River Railroad, who is married and has one son; Edith L., the wife of A. D. Talbert, of Boston; and Frank H. N. Gates.

Frank H. N. Gates received a good common-school education. When sixteen years of age he left the high school and went into the mill with his father. He afterward succeeded his father as overseer in the knitting department, a position that has been held by father and son for nearly the entire time since the hosiery business started. He was married when twenty-two years of age, on May 22, 1880, to Miss Grace Esther Lamson, a daugh-

ter of Irving T. and Augusta (Kinney) Lamson, both of whom were born in Randolph, Vt. Her mother died in 1874, leaving four sons and four daughters, all of whom are still living, except a son that died in infancy. Her father, who is a successful agriculturist, is living with his second wife in West Randolph, Vt.

Mr. Gates and his wife are attendants at the Episcopal church. He is a member of Eden Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Ware; King Solomon Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; Warren and Northampton Commandery, Northampton, Mass.; Ware Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Ware Rod and Gun Club. They reside at 34 Park Street, which has been his home since his birth.

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**L**EWIS A. CLARK, a widely known farmer of Huntington, was born in Southampton, Mass., January 8, 1839, son of Elisha and Minerva (Stearns) Clark. Mr. Clark's father was a native of Massachusetts, and followed at different times the occupations of farmer and cooper. He moved to Huntington in 1865, where he was engaged in agriculture until his death, which occurred February 10, 1869. He was a Whig in politics, but beyond casting his vote he took no active interest in public affairs. Elisha Clark's wife, who was born in Hinesburg, Vt., became the mother of six children, as follows: Mary, wife of Dexter Lyman, a resident of Huntington; Martha, deceased, who married for her first husband Thomas Wright and for her second Joshua Bemis; Sophronia, deceased, who married W. Graves; John E., who married Julia Freeman, and is now a farmer in Easthampton, Mass.; Ellen E., widow of Isaac Avery; and Lewis A., the subject of this sketch. The mother died April 6, 1891.

Lewis A. Clark resided at home until his fourteenth year, when he began to support himself. At the age of seventeen he commenced to learn the trade of a mason, and after working at that calling in Southampton and the West for five years he went to Easthampton, where he labored as a journeyman for another five years. From Easthampton he went to Springfield, Mass., where he was employed at his trade for one year; and in 1869, when his father died, he went to Huntington to take charge of the home farm. He has since successfully carried on the farm, while continuing to work at his trade. He is independent in politics, and has served as a Selectman for eight consecutive years.

On December 20, 1866, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Hattie R. Howes, daughter of Charles and Mary Howes. Mrs. Clark is a member of the Congregational church. They have one adopted son.

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**J**EDEDIAH POST WEBSTER, lately deceased, a prosperous farmer of Enfield in his lifetime, was born in Wilbraham, Mass., on March 17, 1811, son of Elijah and Martha (Chapin) Webster.

His father, a native of Hebron, Conn., born in 1767, was a tanner by trade and followed that calling with success for many years. Toward the close of his life he turned his attention to agriculture, and purchased the farm owned by him at the time of his death. He died very suddenly of heart disease, on December 22, 1849, eighty-two years of age. He was twice married. His first marriage was with Miss Deborah Post, and was performed March 27, 1797. She bore him four sons and a daughter. After her death he married Miss Martha Chapin, who was born October 2, 1779. They became the parents of eleven children,

nine of whom have since died. The survivors are: Mrs. Marcy Edson, a widow residing at Jamaica Plain, Mass.; and Miss Betsey Webster, living in Wilbraham, Mass. Their mother died October 20, 1852.

Jedediah P. Webster, who received his education in the district school, remained with his father on the farm, and throughout the active period of his life successfully engaged in agriculture. His farm, containing about two hundred acres, was left by him in an excellent condition. It lies partly in Enfield and partly in Ware. Mr. Webster died October 15, 1895. At the age of twenty-six years he was married, on October 8, 1837, to Miss Diana Houghton, whose birth occurred in Union, Conn., June 17, 1817. They took up their home on the farm on March 31, 1846. Their long and happy union of fifty-eight years was blessed by a son and a daughter. The elder of the two was Mary Jane, born October 19, 1841, who died August 12, 1887, nearly forty-six years of age. She left besides her husband, Joel W. Martinsdale, a son and six daughters, all of whom are now living and occasionally gather at the old homestead. They are as follows: Florence L., born in Hebron, Conn., January 17, 1865; William Webster Martinsdale, born in Hebron, Conn., September 16, 1866; Susan Forbes, born April 28, 1870; Bertha Haughton, born November 18, 1872; Martha E., born September 26, 1874; Mary Diana, born October 13, 1875; and Alice Maria, born June 27, 1880. The last five are natives of Massachusetts. George Henry Webster, born in Enfield on July 3, 1846, was married on November 17, 1869, to Miss Louise Amelia Martindale, of Hebron, Conn. She died in Enfield, Mass., in 1884, leaving two sons and a daughter, namely: Edward M. Webster, born June 26, 1871; Jennie L., born July 17, 1877, living in Ware; and Henry

Chapin, born August 21, 1881, residing in Enfield. Her husband was again married on June 12, 1886, in Springfield, Mass., to Miss Sarah Louise Miller, daughter of Edmund and Alicia Elizabeth (Bell) Miller. She was born in Kinderhook, Columbia County, N.Y., May 22, 1863. The fruit of this second union was a son and daughter, namely: Susie Alicia, born May 30, 1887; and Theodore Miller Webster, born November 13, 1894. George Henry Webster was part owner of the farm, and had the whole management of it during the last few years of his father's life. He is prominent in town affairs, and is serving his second term of three years as Highway Commissioner. He is now sole proprietor of the farm.

In politics Jedediah P. Webster always cast his vote with the Republican party. He served as Highway Surveyor of Enfield, and for five successive years was a member of the School Committee. During his younger days he was appointed Ensign, and later Lieutenant of the Wilbraham militia. Both he and his wife were members of the Congregational church. His widow, who continues in union with the church, is an intellectual woman. It was she who furnished data for a genealogical work relating to the Webster family, published a few years ago, and to which we refer for a more extended account. She lives on the farm with her son and his family.

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**A**SA A. TODD, deceased, an esteemed resident of Chesterfield for nearly his entire lifetime, was born in that town, August 12, 1820, son of Lyman and Sarah (Kinney) Todd, respectively natives of Chesterfield and Worthington. Lyman Todd died in November, 1846. He was the father of thirteen children, three of whom are now

living. These are: Horace, who resides in Heath, Mass.; Aurelia Frances, wife of Joseph Cudworth, of Worthington; and Effie Deliza, wife of Samuel Eddy, of Chesterfield. Lyman Todd's widow, now deceased, married Quartus Rust, of New York, and spent the last years of her life in that State.

Asa A. Todd received a common-school education. He was a man of many resources. He was for three years employed in a tannery, giving entire satisfaction to his employers. In 1847 he engaged in general farming, in which he was also very successful. In that year he settled on the farm where his widow now resides; and, excepting one year spent with his family in Chesterfield, it was his home up to the time of his death. Mr. Todd was a good business man. He had the faculty of applying himself closely to whatever he undertook. In time he attained a comfortable degree of prosperity. His death occurred January 23, 1895.

Mr. Todd was twice married. His first wife, Mary Cudworth, of Chesterfield, died nine months after marriage. Subsequently, on June 2, 1847, he was united to Ellen J. Cudworth, a native of Chesterfield, born March 7, 1829, daughter of Charles and Susanna (Keith) Cudworth. The father was a native of Chesterfield, and the mother of Scituate, Mass. Mr. Cudworth, who was a farmer, is now deceased; and his wife also has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Todd were the parents of seven children, namely: Isabelle, wife of Walter B. Trow, of Providence, R.I.; Mary, who died some time since; Esther S., who also is deceased; Lyman, who married Mary Pease, and lives in Worthington; Monroe, who now manages the homestead; Flora E., wife of William A. Trow, of Westfield; and Asa Augustus, likewise deceased. All the children were given a good education, their

father fully realizing the advantage thereof. Monroe, who was born March 18, 1862, learned the mason's trade and followed the same for some years. After his father's death he took charge of the home farm, of which he is the present proprietor, his mother making her home with him. He is married, his wife's maiden name having been Letty L. Middlebrook. In politics Monroe Todd is independent, voting for the candidate he considers best fitted to further the interests of the people. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Huntington Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Huntington. He is carrying on the work begun by his father with satisfactory results. He also possesses the esteem in which his father was held.

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**D**EACON SIMEON KELLOGG, of Granby, whose portrait accompanies the present sketch, is an excellent representative of the intelligent and thrifty agriculturists of Hampshire County. He was born in this town on December 13, 1832. His father, David Kellogg, a native of Amherst, came to Granby when a young man, and here bought a tract of land, from which he improved a good homestead property. In his later years he conducted a country hotel in the village. He was twice married, his first wife, Almira Barton, being a native of this place. She died, leaving four children, namely: Walter B.; Holland David, who died in New York in 1858; Mary C.; and Almira M. His second wife, whose maiden name was Portia Preston, was born in Granby on February 24, 1801, and died here in 1849, he surviving her many years, dying in 1864. Of the second union nine children were born, as follows: Norris Preston, who died at the age of fifty years; Chester, who died in Spring-

field in 1893; Simeon and an elder sister, Ellen, who makes her home with him; Henry, who married Carrie Bates, and resides in Detroit, Mich.; Mary, the wife of Dwight Preston, living at Elkhorn, Wis.; Eliza, a resident of Granby; Jennie Maria, who died in infancy; and Jennie M., second, wife of D. R. Barnes, of this town.

Simeon Kellogg obtained his education in the public schools, and on attaining his majority began the battle of life for himself. Going to the city of New York, he worked for ten years as clerk and cashier in a hotel, being in the employ of two different proprietors in that period, and at its expiration returning to the place of his nativity. It was in 1863 that he came to Granby at the urgent solicitation of his father, who gave him the old home farm if he would continue its management. The estate contains about one hundred acres, in whose care and improvement Mr. Kellogg has shown excellent judgment, and has been unusually successful.

Mr. Kellogg and Harriet Pease, a daughter of the late Peter Pease, a farmer of Granby, were married in 1868. Their union has been blessed by the birth of four children: Mary Eliza, Cora H., Effie L., and Edith J. All of these daughters are well educated, three being teachers in the public schools of Granby, and Effie L. assistant principal of the high school, Gorham, N.H. Mr. Kellogg is an energetic and capable business man, and is amply endowed with qualities which constitute him a useful and valued citizen. For many years he has been a member of the local Grange, and likewise of the Good Templars. He is a stanch adherent of the Republican party in politics; and both he and Mrs. Kellogg are active in religious matters, being faithful members of the Congregational church, of which he is senior Deacon.



SIMEON KELLOGG.



 REN B. SMITH, a retired manufacturer and an influential citizen of Northampton, was born in Kirby, Vt., December 6, 1827, son of Thomas B. and Jane (Barron) Smith, the former of whom was born in Sturbridge, Mass., in 1792.

His grandfather, who followed the calling of a farmer, removed from Sturbridge into the State of Vermont, where he settled on a tract of forest land. He died in middle life, leaving eight sons and two daughters. John Smith, the youngest son, became a Methodist preacher, and for some years was stationed at Lowell, Mass. Frank Smith was at one time a government surveyor in Illinois. Subsequently he and another brother located in the State of Texas. Phillip Smith followed the trade of a cloth-dresser in Burke, Vt., where his life was spent. He celebrated his golden wedding in 1883, and, although then eighty-one years old, was strong and active both in mind and body. He died when about eighty-seven years of age. Thomas B. Smith, who chose the calling of a farmer, became quite prosperous in time. His wife, Jane Barron Smith before marriage, to whom he was married in Vermont, was born in Gilson, N.H., in 1787. They had eight children, three sons and five daughters. All lived to maturity, married, and reared families; but Oren B. Smith and a sister, Florilla, the widow of Lewis McCrillis, residing at Brimfield, Mass., are the only survivors now. Leander served in the Civil War, enlisting from Palmer, Mass., and was no doubt killed in the service, as nothing has since been heard of him. The father died in Thorndike village, in the town of Palmer, in 1866; and the mother died in 1869, eighty-two years of age. Their remains rest in the Palmer Four Corners burying-ground.

Oren B. Smith began to work for a living

when but a boy of eight years. His first employment was in the cotton-mill at Holden, Mass., where his childish labor was valued at twenty-five cents per day. He gradually made his way upward step by step, until finally he became General Manager of the Boston Duck Company, in which position he continued for twenty years. He is now a stockholder in the Chicopee Manufacturing Company, the West Ware Paper Company, and the United Electric Light Company of Springfield, Mass. Mr. Smith came from Palmer to Northampton in 1890, where he purchased the Wood property, together with three and one-half acres of land, a portion of which was a swamp. Upon this, after filling it in and grading it, he erected seven houses, which to-day are a valuable piece of property. After selling the frontage on Elm Street at a considerable profit, he still has a valuable estate left.

Mr. Smith has been thrice married. His first wife was Miss Roxana Moody, of Palmer, Mass., to whom he was married October 3, 1848. She was a daughter of Joseph Moody (deceased), and she died October 15, 1857, leaving two children: Clara E., the wife of Frank A. Packard, of Indian Orchard, Mass., who has two daughters; and Charles N. Smith, a builder and contractor residing in Savannah, N.Y., who has three sons and three daughters. Mr. Smith's second union was with Miss Elmina A. James, of Palmer, Mass., who died April 3, 1868, at forty years of age. She bore him two sons: Frank O. Smith, a purchasing agent at Battle Creek, Mich., who is married and has a son and daughter, Clarence and Genevieve; and George N. Smith, a book-keeper for the Valley Falls Paper Company of Holyoke, Mass., also married and father of one son, Claud H. Smith. Mr. Smith's third wife was Miss Hattie Buckland before marriage, of Chicopee, Mass., a daugh-

ter of Ashbel Buckland (deceased). She died at Northampton, May 4, 1894, fifty-eight years of age. A son and daughter survive her: Oren Barron Smith, Jr., a student in the Institute of Technology of the class of 1897; and Gertrude L. Smith, a young lady residing at home with her father. At the time of her mother's death she was an art student in Smith College, and she is also a musician. It is a remarkable coincidence that Mr. Smith's three wives should each have lived ten years after marriage and that each left two children. Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics, and, though not a man who aspires to office, was, nevertheless, chosen as a member of the legislature in 1884, and for three years has served most acceptably as Selectman. He resides at 15 Massasoit Street.

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**L**YMAN M. MORTON, one of Enfield's prosperous farmers, was born in his present home, March 8, 1825, son of William and Mercy (Jourdan) Morton.

The first representative of the family in this country was Robert Morton. He came from England and settled in Salem, Mass., where William Morton, the grandfather of Lyman M., was born in 1740. William Morton removed from there to Enfield, May 26, 1764, a date in the early days of the latter town, and settled on the farm now owned by his grandson. His father had previously purchased the land with the intention of settling here himself; but, on his return to Salem to make the necessary preparations for removal, he was taken sick and died. When William Morton settled on this farm, which then consisted of a large tract over a mile in length, the forest which covered it had never resounded to the blows of the woodman's axe. He was, undoubtedly, the first to clear any

portion of the land. A sturdy pioneer, despite the danger from hostile Indians and the hardships incident to a newly settled country, he soon had a comfortable home and a portion of the land under cultivation. The house he then built is now occupied by his grandson and is the oldest in the town. Happily, the woods abounded with game of various kinds, and fresh supplies of meat were easily obtainable. He continued to live there throughout the remainder of his life, dying in 1818, seventy-seven years of age. In company with two of his brothers he served his country for three years in the Revolutionary War. Both his brothers were killed on the field of Trenton, and had a soldier's burial on the ground where they fell. He married Miss Esther Thurston, of Pelham, who reared him a family of three children; namely, Robert, Margaret, and William. Both parents were attendants at the Congregational church.

William Morton, the younger son, was born on the old homestead, June 9, 1780. As soon as he was old enough he began to assist his father in the farm work, and continued doing so until the latter's death. Then he took full charge; and, besides carrying on the usual work, he continued that of clearing the land. He took much interest in whatever pertained to the advancement of the town, but declined to serve in office. He died May 21, 1856. His wife was born in North Brookfield in 1785. Five children were the fruit of their union, but Lyman M. Morton is now the sole survivor. Those deceased were: Bathsheba Rice Morton, born November 18, 1813, who died April 11, 1867; William Wells, born September 13, 1818, who died October 18, 1849; Esther Thurston, born June 30, 1820, who died September 5, 1866; and Mahalah Alma, born May 6, 1823, who died October 2, 1840. Their mother died August 2, 1858.

Both she and her husband were attendants of the Congregational church of Enfield.

Lyman M. Morton, who grew to manhood on the old Morton farm, received his early education in the district schools. He was prepared for college at Williston Seminary, but his education went no further. After leaving the seminary he took up teaching. He followed this profession successfully for about forty terms. He then engaged in mercantile business for three years. In 1865 he purchased the farm of about one hundred acres on which he has since resided, and conducted general farming with profit.

On July 6, 1870, he was united in marriage with Miss Nettie Wells Scott, born in Enfield, November 5, 1832, a daughter of Charles and Lydia (Phephs) Scott. Mrs. Morton died on May 30, 1884, leaving no children. In politics Mr. Morton is independent of party. For a number of terms he has served as Assessor of Enfield. He is broad-minded and liberal in his religious views. He is held in high respect, an unusually well-read man, possessing a remarkably good memory, and is withal a very pleasant man to meet.

ELIHU P. BARTLETT, an old resident of Westhampton, was born there, March 19, 1825, son of Elihu and Sarah (Hurlburt) Bartlett, the former a native of Westhampton, the latter of Southampton. The Bartlett family has been well known in the locality since the latter part of the last century, when Mr. Bartlett's grandfather removed from Northampton to Westhampton. He was then a young man, was many years a resident of the town, and engaged, like his neighbors, in farming.

The elder Elihu Bartlett, father of Elihu P., also engaged in agriculture. He lived in

the western part of the town till he was sixty-five years of age, when he went to reside with his son Elihu P. He died December 11, 1866. His wife had passed away nine years before, on October 12, 1857. Their home was brightened by eight children, namely: Mary, deceased; Elihu P., the subject of this sketch; Asaph H., now in Leavenworth, Kan.; Christopher C., who lives near his brother Elihu; Horace C., Diana D., and two daughters named Sarah A., all of whom died some years ago.

Elihu P. Bartlett received a fair education in the schools of Westhampton. Living on the farm he necessarily became familiar with farm work. When twenty years of age he went to work in Westfield for a season, and later was employed in Springfield for a year. In 1848 he rented the farm which he now occupies, and which in course of time he was able to purchase. At first it comprised one hundred and fifty acres. Since then Mr. Bartlett has added to it, and now it is one hundred and eighty acres. He has made a great many improvements, carries on general farming in an intelligent and progressive way, and derives from his bountiful crops an ample income.

On June 14, 1850, Mr. Bartlett was united in marriage with Elsie E. Kingsley, who was born in Westhampton, daughter of Orrin and Emily (Hooker) Kingsley. Orrin Kingsley, who was a farmer in Westhampton, died in Northampton in December, 1876. Mrs. Bartlett died in 1855, and the place left vacant by her decease has never been filled, her husband remaining faithful to her memory. She left two children, Edward A. and Emily H. Edward A. married Emma Jessamine, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and they are the parents of six children, three of whom are living: Elsie K., Ruby B., and Clifford M. He lives with his father, his wife superintending the house-

hold. Emily H. is the wife of Henry Warner, of Leeds, Mass. In politics Mr. Bartlett was originally a Whig, and is now a Republican. He has a comfortable home, and the goodly acres which surround it are the recompense of a life of honest and persevering labor.

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**D**EXTER R. BARNES, formerly a lumber dealer, now an enterprising and well-to-do farmer, diligently pursuing his occupation in the town of Granby, is a native of Hampshire County, born October 8, 1842, in the town of Pelham. He is a son of the late Ansel Barnes, who was born in Hardwick, Worcester County, and there worked for many years as a machinist. Ansel Barnes removed to Pelham while in the prime of a vigorous manhood, and there carried on general farming until his death on August 12, 1878. He married Deborah Churchill, a native of Cornish Flat, N.H., and they became the parents of eight children, namely: Susan; Lewis, deceased; Lucretia, deceased; Martha, deceased; Louise; Lois, deceased; Dexter R.; and Hosea.

Dexter, who was next to the youngest of the family, acquired a good common-school education in the place of his nativity, and was nineteen years of age when, on August 13, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, under Captain George Bliss, Fifty-second Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. The regiment, commanded by Colonel Greenleaf, was assigned to General Banks's division; and Mr. Barnes, with his comrades, took part in many of the important battles that followed, being present at Jackson, Miss., Irish Bend, and at the siege of Port Hudson, where Captain Bliss, who was then standing within four feet of him, was fatally shot. He was also in other skirmishes and in the great gunboat expedi-

tion. After receiving his discharge at Greenfield, he returned to Pelham, being sick for some six months afterward. Coming to this locality on his recovery, he worked for some time as a farm laborer, but in 1864 went home again, and was there similarly engaged for a year. During the next six months Mr. Barnes owned and operated a saw-mill, being quite successful therein, and then resumed his agricultural labors, continuing about a year, when he embarked in the lumber business. We next hear of him in Holyoke, where he was employed about six months in a sash and blind factory. Once more he returned to the home farm, and while there, on October 17, 1868, was united in marriage with Miss Jennie M. Kellogg, whose parents were Mr. and Mrs. David Kellogg.

After his marriage Mr. Barnes came to the town of Granby, and purchased a farm, which he conducted for six months, when he sold it at an advance, and bought another estate, on which he lived a year. Having an advantageous offer, he sold that also, and then removed to the village of Granby, where for three years he was successfully engaged as a dealer in lumber, hay, and straw, finally relinquishing the business to take possession of the farm he now owns and occupies. He has a snug property of thirty-five acres, which he carefully tills, the improvements that he has made being of a most excellent character. Politically, Mr. Barnes is a strong advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and is earnestly interested in the welfare and advancement of his adopted town. He has served with ability in many of the local offices, having been Constable several years, Selectman two years, a Tax Collector, and at the time the State road was built a Road Commissioner. At present he is serving as cattle inspector for the town of Granby. Socially,



DEXTER R. BARNES.



he belongs to the E. J. Griggs Post, No. 97, Grand Army of the Republic, and also to the Granby Grange, of which he is Overseer.

The family circle of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes has been enlarged by the birth of six children, as follows: Nellie, who died in infancy; Agnes; Henry; Addie; Chester, who lived but twelve years; and Forest, whose life on earth was but brief. In his religious views Mr. Barnes is quite liberal, and Mrs. Barnes is a conscientious and esteemed member of the Congregational church.

A portrait of this active and influential citizen of Granby is here given.

WILLIAM M. THIEME, an esteemed resident of South Hadley Falls, having been connected with its manufacturing interests for forty years, was born in Saxony, January 6, 1831. Mr. Thieme's father, Benjamin T. Thieme, also a native of Saxony, born April 24, 1795, was a prosperous manufacturer, owning a woollen-mill, and was quite an influential man in the place where he resided. His death, October 4, 1851, was considered a public loss. In 1822 he married Elenora Yehnig, also a native of Saxony, born April 15, 1799. She died January 18, 1834, having borne her husband five children, as follows: Julia Augusta, deceased; Henrietta Amelia and Amelia Therese, both living in Germany; William M., the subject of this sketch; and a child that died in infancy.

William M. Thieme received a substantial education in the public schools of the Fatherland, and began the battle of life when twenty years of age. His father dying at that time, he assumed charge of the woollen-mill, and held it in partnership with the other heirs for four years. With a desire to better his con-

dition, he then bade good-by to his relatives and friends, and embarked in July, 1855, on board the ship "Atlantic" for this country. After landing in New York, he came directly to this county, took up his residence in Northampton, and worked in a woollen-mill until the following January. He next obtained employment in a cotton-mill at Chicopee until March, 1857, when he came to South Hadley Falls to fill a position in the Glasgow Cotton Mill. Being an industrious and faithful workman, it was not long before he was made an overseer. After this, when the occasion served, he was promoted to the responsible position of superintendent of the mill. He resigned this position some years ago, after spending twenty-eight years in the employment of the firm, and bought the Holyoke *Journal*, the German newspaper of this village. He conducted this publication alone for some time. Subsequently he took a partner; and the firm is now known as the German-American Publishing Company, of which Mr. Thieme is the President. In 1893 he retired from active participation in business. Under his administration the name of the paper was changed to the *New England Rundschau*, its circulation was greatly increased, and it became the leading German paper of this section of the State. He is also president of the water company of his town.

On November 23, 1859, Mr. Thieme was united in marriage with Paulina Otto, who was born October 25, 1840, in Saxony, being the daughter of Ludwig and Johanna (Denzler) Otto, neither of whom is now living. The union has been blessed by the birth of five children, as follows: Paulina, who died in 1891; Emma, the wife of Robert Johannis, of Holyoke; Morris William, who lives in South Hadley Falls; Alfred Hermann, a painter, who resides in New York City; and

Edward Frank, a plumber, in South Hadley Falls. Mr. Thieme has taken a warm interest in the prosperity of his adopted town. His approval and support have been given to all worthy efforts to promote its interests. For some years he was a member of the Prudential Committee, and he has been President of the local Turner Halle Society. In politics he is bound by no party ties, but votes for the men and measures he deems best. Although neither Mr. nor Mrs. Thieme is connected with any religious organization, their children have been regular attendants at the Congregational church.

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**F**RANKLIN C. POWERS, a well-to-do farmer of Greenwich, was born in that town, December 3, 1838, son of Cyrus and Hannah B. (Cone) Powers. Mr. Powers is a descendant of Walter Powers, who settled in Concord, Mass., previous to 1694; while the first of the family to locate in Greenwich was Abijah Powers. His son, Abijah, Jr., Mr. Powers's grandfather, who was born March 13, 1761, was a carpenter and builder, an occupation which he followed in addition to farming in Greenwich. He owned and occupied the present farm of his grandson, and was an industrious and successful man. He died in Greenwich, November 1, 1814. He married Eunice Alden, who was born November 13, 1766, and they had six children; namely, John, Sally, Benjamin, Horace, Alvah, and Cyrus. The mother died May 17, 1854. Mr. Powers's grandparents were members of the Congregational church.

Cyrus Powers, father of Mr. Powers, was born at the old homestead in Greenwich, December 16, 1804. He was a brush-maker, an occupation which he followed together with farming for the greater part of his life. A

good, practical farmer, his agricultural ventures generally yielded a satisfactory profit. He was liberal in his religious views and a Democrat in politics. He died February 24, 1877, aged seventy-two years. His wife, Hannah B. Cone before marriage, whom he married May 21, 1828, made him the father of six children, as follows: John, who was born February 25, 1829, and died in the hospital at Rome, Ga., October 30, 1865, from injuries received during the Civil War; Sarah C., born November 6, 1830, and now the wife of Isaiah Merrill, of Athol, Mass.; Lovina C., born November 26, 1832, residing at home; Franklin C., the subject of this sketch; Walter O., born February 21, 1841, who died October 12, 1842; and Austin H., born August 11, 1849, who is now a resident of Orange, Mass. The mother, who still survives, resides at the old homestead.

Franklin C. Powers received his education in the district schools of Greenwich, and grew up familiarized with farm work upon the old Powers farm. He also learned the trade of a carpenter and builder, and has followed that occupation as well as general farming. He owns two hundred acres of well-improved land, which he cultivates with gratifying success. Mr. Powers is one of our representative farmers. He is a Democrat in politics, comes of a good family, and has the reputation of an industrious, conscientious, and liberal-minded man.

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**A**LFRD CLARK PRESCOTT, of the firm of Boyden & Prescott, wholesale and retail dealers in foreign and domestic fruits, produce, and confectionery in Northampton, was born in Holden, Mass., in 1864. His father, William M. Prescott, now a resident of Northampton, was born in 1820 in West Boylston, Mass.

Alfred C. Prescott was graduated from the Clinton High School in 1881, being then seventeen years of age. For the succeeding five years he worked on his father's farm. He then came to this city, where he found employment with his present partner, Charles Henry Boyden. After working for four years here, he was admitted into partnership, under the firm name already mentioned. These gentlemen have one of the finest stores of the kind in Western Massachusetts. Since opening it, on April 1, 1893, they have built up a very large business both in wholesale and retail trade. They are enterprising, very active and progressive, showing in everything the business ability and tact so requisite to success.



**R**EV. GEORGE M. FITZGERALD, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Haydenville, was born in Westminster, Mass., October 28, 1857, son of Michael and Ann S. (Cohen) Fitzgerald.

Michael Fitzgerald was born in County Cork, Ireland, in November, 1829, and acquired the trade of a blacksmith in his native land. At the age of seventeen he emigrated to the United States, first coming to Boston, where he remained but a short time, and from which city he went to Westminster, Mass., where he found steady employment at his trade. He became well known as a competent and reliable workman; and, being a man of intelligence and good character, possessing naturally a high-minded disposition, he not only realized success in a business way, but enjoyed the respect and hearty good will of his large circle of acquaintances. After a long and prosperous business career he retired from active labor, and now resides in Worcester, Mass. Michael Fitzgerald has reached a degree of affluence through his energy and

ability; and, being determined that his children should be properly prepared for their life work, he has given them a liberal education. His wife, Ann S. Cohen before marriage, was born in Youghal, County Cork, Ireland, June 24, 1835. When young, she came to America, and resided in Montreal, where she was employed as a seamstress. She later moved to Fitchburg, Mass., where she met and married Michael Fitzgerald, the ceremony having been performed by the Rev. Father Gibson. She has been the mother of seven children, as follows: Maria, who died at the age of three years; George M., the subject of this sketch; Mary, who is now a teacher; Ella, who resides at home; Sarah, who died aged two years; Edward, who is now assistant rector of Holy Name Church in Chicopee, Mass.; and Charles, who is a student at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City.

George M. Fitzgerald commenced his education in the public schools of Worcester. He pursued his classical studies at St. Michael's College in Toronto, Canada, from which he graduated in 1879, and was ordained a priest in Montreal in 1882. His first appointment was as assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Hinsdale, Mass., where he remained for two years. He then officiated in a similar capacity at St. Jerome's Church in Holyoke for four years, and on August 15, 1889, was appointed by Bishop O'Riley, of Springfield, to succeed the Rev. William L. Long as pastor of St. Mary's Church in Haydenville. This church was erected in 1868, and the Rev. Father Callahan was the first to celebrate mass in Haydenville. The church was founded by Messrs. P. Larkin, W. Hickey, M. Ryan, P. Hamilton, T. Ryan, and E. Grace. The first pastor was the Rev. Father P. V. Moyce, of Northampton. Since

taking charge of St. Mary's Parish, Father Fitzgerald has built an addition to the vestry of the church, enlarged the gallery, put in a large pipe organ and steam-heating apparatus. He has also purchased land adjoining the church, upon which he has built a handsome, three-story parochial residence; and the grounds have been graded into lawns and otherwise beautified. The cemetery has been fitted up under his direction, and these improvements have necessarily made Father Fitzgerald a very busy man since his arrival in Haydenville. St. Mary's Parish numbers about twelve hundred souls, and the Sunday-school has a membership of two hundred and fifty. Connected with the church are the Catholic Benevolent Legion, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Sacred Heart Sodality, and the St. Mary's Rosary Society.

Father Fitzgerald is a public-spirited man and actively interested in all progressive movements which may be beneficial to the general community. He is very popular in Haydenville, as he formerly was in Holyoke; and he is looked upon by all classes with the highest respect and esteem.

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**G**EORGE F. THOMSON, M.D., a well-known physician of Belchertown and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Belchertown, Mass., January 9, 1833. His father, Dr. Horatio Thomson, was born at Tolland, Conn., October 6, 1804; and his grandfather, Gideon Thomson, also a physician, was born at Mansfield, Conn.

Dr. Gideon Thomson was a well-known physician and surgeon at Tolland, where he practised until his decease. The maiden name of his wife, Dr. Thomson's grandmother, was Elizabeth Steele. Dr. Horatio Thomson turned his attention to the study of

medicine at a very early age. Subsequent to following the occupation of an educator for a time, he commenced his preparations for professional life by studying with his father. Later he attended lectures at Yale College. He graduated from the medical department of that university in the year 1827, and settled in Belchertown, Mass., where he continued in active practice until his decease. This event occurred in his fifty-sixth year on the anniversary of his birth. His first wife, who died at the age of twenty-nine years, was before marriage Cordelia Chapman, of Tolland, daughter of Eliakim and Nancy Willes Chapman. She had two sons, namely: Charles H.; and George F., of this article. Charles H. became an attorney, and died at Corning, N.Y. The second wife was Lucy Maria Doolittle, daughter of the Hon. Mark Doolittle, of Belchertown. She bore him four children, all of whom died in infancy.

George F. Thomson, M.D., received a liberal education in the academies at New Salem, Easthampton, Hadley, and Monson. After teaching for some time in the schools at Monson and Brimfield, he commenced the study of medicine at the age of eighteen years, first with his father and later with Dr. Palmer, of Woodstock, Vt. He graduated from the University of New York in 1855, and soon after was appointed surgeon of the emigrant ship "New World," plying between New York and Liverpool. After holding this position for three years, he established himself at Belchertown. In 1862 he received the appointment of Assistant Surgeon of the Thirty-eighth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and for more than two years served in the Department of the Gulf, under Major-general N. P. Banks. He was subsequently promoted to the rank of Surgeon, and assigned to the Eighteenth Massachusetts

Volunteers; but ill health prevented him from undertaking the duties of that post. Early in the month of January, 1865, he was appointed by Governor Andrew and commissioned by Governor Fenton as Surgeon of the Twenty-sixth New York Volunteer Cavalry, which was stationed upon the Canadian frontier until July of that year. He was then honorably discharged, and returned to Belchertown. In the following January, having recovered his health, he resumed his practice, and has continued it without interruption to the present day. During this time Dr. Thomson has had practice in three different counties; but at one time he attended a large number of patients in seventeen different towns. At present he has an extensive practice in a section which includes eight towns.

In 1865 he wedded Miss Sophia M. Brown, daughter of Asa Brown, Esq., of Hadley. They have two children, Edmund S. and Lucy D. The former, a graduate of Harvard University and the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons, is now practising at New Haven, Conn. Lucy D. is a graduate of Smith College, and will graduate in 1896 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Thomson is a member of Bethel Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and a comrade of E. J. Griggs Post, No. 97, Grand Army of the Republic.

**A**RTHUR W. GIBBS, of Huntington, Mass., was born in Blandford, Mass., March 2, 1862, son and only child of John H. and Jane M. (Hubbard) Gibbs. He is a descendant of William Gibbs, a native of England, from the town of Lenharn, Yorkshire County.

About the year 1650 William Gibbs received from the king of England for signal service a grant of land, one mile square, in

the centre of the town. He had three sons, of whom the eldest remained at home, and inherited his father's property. The two younger sons learned the ship carpenter's trade; and, when they became of age, their elder brother gave them money, and they came to Boston. One of them settled on the Cape, the other in Newport, R.I. The one who settled on the Cape (first name not known) had three children: Isaac, Israel, and Sarah. Israel married Mary Hamilton, a lady of Irish descent; and because of this marriage he was disowned by his brother and sister. This induced Israel to join a Scotch-Irish company who were on the eve of starting to settle this region, then a wilderness. These hardy adventurers reached the centre of Glasgow (now Blandford) in the latter part of April, 1735. On the day of their arrival a heavy snow storm set in, and continued three days, leaving snow on the ground to the depth of three or four feet. However, the snow soon began to thaw; and they were enabled to prosecute their pilgrimage. The first cart that entered the town was owned by Israel Gibbs, whose son Israel, Jr., was the first male child born in Blandford. Israel was the father of nine children, of whom Elijah was the oldest. They both served in the Revolutionary War, and were with General Gates at the surrender of General Burgoyne. Elijah had eleven children, of whom Bradner, Mr. Gibbs's grandfather, was the youngest. His mother in her maidenhood was Fannie Morton, born November 15, 1769, daughter of John Morton, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. Mr. Morton was pastor of the Presbyterian church (now Congregational) in Blandford from 1749 to 1772.

Elijah Gibbs, born May 14, 1761, died November 7, 1840; and Fannie Morton Gibbs died March 31, 1838. They accumulated a

very large property for those days. Although their education was imperfect, their sound judgment and natural good sense won for them a prominent position in society. A short time before the death of the husband and father he called upon a magistrate, and wished to add the following codicil to his will, having heard that some of his children were determined to break it after his decease: "Whereas many estates have been spent in law by children while endeavoring to obtain more of their father's property than he designed to give them, and whereas my children may be as likely as others to do the same, therefore, if any of my children shall attempt to break this, my last will and testament, after it shall have been read to them, it is my will and design that that child or those children who shall attempt to break this, my last will and testament, shall have no part of my property, and that the same shall be equally divided among my other children who shall be satisfied with their father's bounty." It is needless to say that it had the desired effect.

Bradner, the youngest son of Elijah, was born December 1, 1814, and died August 19, 1888. He was married in Sandisfield, Mass., November 30, 1837, to Sarah C. Deming, who was born November 26, 1815, and died December 10, 1890. They had seven children, of whom John H. Gibbs, the eldest, is the father of Arthur W., the subject of this sketch.

He (John) was born in Blandford, December 14, 1839. He is successfully engaged in agriculture and in general farming and stock-raising. His wife was a native of Sandisfield, Mass.; and her people were farmers in that town. The old homestead has been owned by the Gibbs family for more than a century, passing successively from father to son, has never had any encumbrance, and always had a clear title.

Arthur W. Gibbs attended the Wilbraham Academy during the years 1881 and 1882, and then engaged as clerk in the general store of Timothy Keefe, of Chester, Mass., for sixteen months. On January 1, 1886, he came to Huntington for the purpose of taking a similar position with E. Pease, of whose business he later purchased an interest. The firm is an enterprising one, and has a large and profitable trade. Mr. Gibbs was appointed Postmaster of Huntington in 1893, and conducts the affairs of the office to general satisfaction. He is a member of Huntington Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and is highly esteemed by his fellow-townsmen.

On January 1, 1888, Mr. Gibbs was united in marriage to Carrie E. Eames. She was born in Troy, N.Y., October 4, 1861, daughter of Andrew and Janet (Lyman) Eames, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer. Mrs. Gibbs's parents raised a family of three children: Carrie E., Nellie, and Lizzie. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs had three children, namely: Howard Arthur, born October 5, 1889, who died July 29, 1890; Isabelle Frances, born March 16, 1892; and Elizabeth May, born January 10, 1894. Both parents are members of the Congregational church, Mr. Gibbs being the treasurer of the society and a member of the choir.

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 WILLIAM S. CLARK, one of the foremost citizens of Granby, active in his profession, in business, and in social circles, is a worthy representative of the native residents of the town. Less than thirty years of age, the date of his birth being April 25, 1867, he is one of the younger generation of men in public office. His father, the late Spencer Clark, was for many years one of the leading farmers of this locality,



WILLIAM S. CLARK.



serving as Selectman in 1879 and 1880, besides holding other offices. He married Arvilia Davis, a native of Royalston, Worcester County, Mass. Mrs. Davis is now living with her son, of whom we write, her husband having passed from earth in 1883.

William S. Clark was the only child born to his parents. He acquired his elementary education in the public schools, this being supplemented by a two years' attendance at Williston Seminary, from which he received his diploma in 1884. Subsequently entering Yale College, he was graduated from there in 1888, and the following year was engaged in agriculture. In 1889 Mr. Clark began reading law in the office of William H. Brooks, of Holyoke, remaining with him a few months after his admission to the bar, which was on December 21, 1891. Returning then to Granby, he has since been conspicuously identified with the best interests of the town, and, while attending to his professional duties, has also carried on farming to a considerable extent. He is the owner of a valuable farm of three hundred acres that he rents, in addition to the one on which he lives. In him the Democratic party finds one of its strongest supporters, and his townspeople one of their most valued officials. Mr. Clark has been a member of the School Committee here ever since his first election, in 1889; and since 1893 he has been a member of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Clark has always been an active worker in Masonic circles, and has done much to promote the prosperity of the order in this State. He belongs to Vernon Lodge of Belchertown, and was Master of it in 1891, 1892, and 1893. He has also a membership in the Mount Holyoke Council, Royal and Select Masons, in the Springfield Commandery, Knights Templars, and in 1895 was appointed

District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventeenth Masonic District. He joined the Evening Star Lodge of Perfection in Springfield, and is likewise a member of the Massasoit Council, Princes of Jerusalem, of Springfield, of the Rose Croix Chapter, and of the Massachusetts Consistory, of Boston, having taken the thirty-second degree in that Lodge. Mr. Clark is also connected with the Granby Grange, which he joined in 1889, and was Master of it in 1893 and 1894. He takes a deep interest in the advancement of the cause of temperance, and is an active member of the Lodge of Good Templars. On the 1st of October, 1891, Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Miss Maude I. Davis, who was born September 27, 1871, in Somers, Conn., daughter of O. L. and Ellen S. (Washburn) Davis. Two children have been born of this union: Ruth, on May 29, 1893; and Donald Spencer, July 22, 1895.

The Granby Co-operative Creamery Association was chartered in January, 1889, and commenced the business of manufacturing butter on the 1st of March. William S. Clark was elected its first clerk and treasurer; and its first Board of Directors consisted of Clinton W. Stebbins, Monroe Keith, C. W. Ferry, S. A. Taylor, and J. H. Barton. It was due chiefly to the enterprise and energy of these six men that the corporation was formed. They believed that it would be not only a boon to the tired housewife, but a financial success also; and the history of the association shows that they were right. Many of the farmers were slow to appreciate its advantages; but they have gradually joined the association until, from a beginning with only fifteen patrons, the factory now receives cream from fifty-eight farmers.

During the six years ending March 1, 1895, the association has received three million,

three hundred and eighty-five thousand, nine hundred and three spaces of cream, for which it has paid to its patrons one hundred and twenty thousand, seven hundred and sixty-seven dollars and seventy-six cents. From this cream there have been sold directly five hundred and fifty-six gallons of cream; and there have been made and sold five hundred and twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred and one pounds of butter and two hundred and twenty thousand, two hundred and sixty-eight gallons of buttermilk, for which the association has received one hundred and forty-five thousand, six hundred and three dollars and seventy-two cents. The expenses of the association for the six years, including dividends on its capital stock of thirty-five hundred dollars and a reserve for depreciation, have been twenty-four thousand, eight hundred and thirty-five dollars and ninety-six cents. Mr. Clark is still the clerk and treasurer, and the present Board of Directors consists of George L. Witt, president; Monroe Keith, H. S. Taylor, Charles E. Preston, of South Hadley, and A. L. Bennett, of Ludlow.

The accompanying portrait of Mr. Clark adds much to the interest of this brief sketch of his useful and varied activities to the present date.

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 CHARLES B. LYMAN, who has been identified with the agricultural interests of this section of Hampshire County for many years, is a native of Chester, Hampden County, born October 22, 1828, son of Colonel Samuel and Miriam S. (Tinker) Lyman.

Colonel Samuel Lyman was born in Chester, May 21, 1787, and was there brought up on a farm. He was prominent in military affairs, and in the closing years of the War of 1812 spent some time encamped in South Bos-

ton, having been a member of the regiment commanded by Colonel Enos Foote. He was not engaged in any battle; but after his return home, having continued his membership in the home militia, he was made Colonel of the Fourth Regiment, First Brigade, of the Fourth Division of the Massachusetts militia. He was a man of deep religious convictions and a Deacon in the Congregational church of his native town for a score of years. In 1842 the Colonel removed to Southampton, and was here closely connected with the active work of the church during his remaining years. He attained a venerable age, his death occurring December 8, 1876. He was twice married. His first wife, Miriam S. Tinker before marriage, whom he wedded October 26, 1809, was a native of Chester. After her death Colonel Lyman married Julia Barnes Marble, and the record of all the children, except Charles B. Lyman, is as follows: Harriet, born October 10, 1810, died August 18, 1860. On November 6, 1833, she married Garry Munson, of Chester, by whom she had seven children: Myron, Edward, Wilson H. and Willard H. (twins), Samuel, Emma (deceased), and Cleora. Stephen Lyman, born December 24, 1811, was a grocer and railway agent in Southampton, where his death occurred in 1891. He married Julia S. Searle, of that town, and their children were: Martha L., born December 8, 1838; Harriet E., born December 14, 1843, who died September 3, 1844; Harriet B., born February 12, 1846; Stephen W., born October 10, 1850; and Frederic B., born December 3, 1853. Miriam B. Lyman, married November 27, 1845, to Francis A. Strong, now a miller and dealer in flour in Ripon, Wis., has four children: Eunice L., born March 14, 1849; Louis H., born April 25, 1852; Sarah E., born October 20, 1854, who died July 5,

1865; and Abbie A., born June 22, 1856. Rufus Lyman, a carpenter by trade, was married October 9, 1849, to Sarah A. Bartlett, who bore him three children: an unnamed daughter, born March 26, 1854, who lived but two days; Clarence M., born March 2, 1859; and Herbert B., born March 15, 1863. Samuel T., for many years Postmaster, express agent, and merchant in Huntington, and married April 17, 1849, to Augusta N. Kirkland, had six children, namely: Charles P., born December 29, 1851; Ella A. and Emma, twins, born March 19, 1854, who died in infancy; Eugene H., born February 1, 1857; Cassius S., born March 2, 1860; and Robert H., born March 3, 1864. Emma S. Lyman was married September 14, 1848, to Samuel N. Coleman, a farmer, and their children were: Frank B., born in September, 1849; Emerson N., born July 26, 1851; Carrie M., born June 30, 1853, who died September 16, 1885; and Ellen J., born August 16, 1855. Myra E. Lyman, born July 27, 1833, married Solomon Richards December 30, 1858, and their children were: George L.; and Solomon and Myra, born June 1, 1863.

Charles B. Lyman received an excellent common-school education in the place of his nativity. As soon as he was old enough he began to assist in the manual labor of the farm, becoming thoroughly familiar with agriculture in his early days. After reaching his majority, he continued on the home farm, to the ownership of which he finally succeeded. His mother having died in 1847, he cared for his father during his declining years. In addition to general farming, he has made a specialty of dairying and gardening, shipping butter, vegetables, chickens, and eggs to Springfield. Both he and his father have shipped their produce to that city for fifty-three years. Their goods are ever in demand,

and bring the highest market price, their superiority being well recognized. In local affairs Mr. Lyman has always taken an active and intelligent interest. He has been Selectman four years, and is at present chairman of the School Committee. He is a zealous advocate of Republican principles, and uniformly casts his vote with that party. He is a member of the Franklin Harvest Club, having united with it twelve years ago. He was President of the Hampshire, Franklin, and Hampden Agricultural Society, and is now a member of the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture. He and his family are connected by membership with the Congregational church, in which he is a useful worker, and was superintendent of the Sunday-school for several years.

On May 8, 1851, Mr. Lyman was united in marriage with Angeline Avery, who was born October 29, 1829, a daughter of Richard Avery, of this town. Three children have been born to them, of whom one, Flora A., born June 10, 1863, died March 25, 1864. Their son Arthur W. is engaged in market gardening adjoining his father's farm. He married Anna S. Munson, and they have two children: Flora M., born on September 18, 1882; and Mary A., born on February 24, 1886. The other son, Charles L., born May 11, 1865, a farmer, living with his parents, married Etta F. Ranger, December 1, 1890; and they are the parents of one child, Harold L., born October 17, 1893.



ILLIAM SMITH MILLER, wholesale dealer in meats and provisions in Northampton, was born in South Hadley in 1860, son of Edward Curtis and Elizabeth White (Smith) Miller and grandson of Joseph Miller, one of the pioneer farmers of Ludlow.

Grandfather Miller died at the age of eighty-five, some years after his wife had passed away. They reared two sons and three daughters, but only one son is now living. This is Edward Curtis Miller, who came to South Hadley in 1838. Then a strong young man of nineteen, he hired with Ezra Allen as a farm hand, and worked for him six years. At the expiration of that time he bought fifty acres of land in South Hadley, upon which he established a homestead, and there resides to-day, engaged in general farming. In November, 1845, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth W., daughter of Medad Smith, of Granby, who claims a long and honorable lineage. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had a large family of children. It comprised: Joseph Edward, who died in 1888, at the age of forty-two, leaving a widow and three children; Charles Herbert, in the meat business in Williamsburg; Martha Pamelia, wife of C. A. Gridley, a merchant in South Hadley; Frank, who died in infancy; Harriet E., who also passed away in childhood; Addie Elizabeth, at home with her parents; William Smith, the subject of this notice; and Carrie Irene, wife of F. H. Cook, draughtsman in the office of the Holyoke Water Company.

William Smith Miller received a good education. After attending the common schools, he studied for one year at the Agricultural College of Massachusetts and for one year more at a business college in Springfield. At the age of twenty-one he entered the business world. His first venture was a market in Amherst, which he conducted for two years. He then bought a farm in Hadley, and cultivated it with profit. At the same time he took charge of an extensive butchering establishment, succeeding Mr. Jackson in that line. In the fall of 1893 he sold his farm, and removed to Northampton, there en-

gaging in the wholesale meat business as one of the firm of F. C. Steele & Co. In the following year the firm name was changed to Miller & Steele; and in March, 1895, Mr. Miller took charge of the entire business. He handles the best of goods, averaging fifty head of cattle per week. The two-story brick building that he occupies was built by Armour & Co. in 1893. It has the latest improvements in cold storage, and is admirably fitted in every way for handling and preserving meats.

Mr. Miller was united in marriage on August 26, 1885, to Mary J. Howe, of Hadley, daughter of Charles Howe, of Boston. Mrs. Miller is a graduate of the College for Girls at Bordentown, N.J., and is a lady of refinement, with an exceptional grace of manner. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two daughters: Mary Elizabeth and Grace Adele, respectively eight and five years of age. Mr. Miller is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in politics he is a Republican. He occasionally attends the Congregational church at Hadley, of which Mrs. Miller is a member. He is regarded as a capable and experienced business man, one with whom it is pleasant to deal.

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 CAPTAIN TIMOTHY W. SLOAN, a prominent citizen and one of the leading boot and shoe dealers of Amherst, Mass., was born in the town of Prescott, January 23, 1827, son of John P. and Rachel (Upton) Sloan, who were both natives of that place.

The earliest ancestor of this family came from Ireland. Captain Sloan's great-grandfather was one of the first settlers of Prescott, Mass.; and his grandfather, James Wilson Sloan, was born there. The latter, when he

had grown to manhood, purchased a farm in the locality, and spent the rest of his life occupied in its cultivation. He held a high place in the esteem of his neighbors, and died when but a little past middle life. He married a Miss Pierce; and they became the parents of thirteen children, five sons and eight daughters, all of whom grew to adult life and married. Of all the only survivor now is Jonathan W. Sloan, who resides in Athol, Mass.

John P. Sloan grew to manhood and spent all his days in Prescott. He chose farming as his avocation, and followed it during the greater part of his life upon a small place owned by him. Besides attending to his agricultural duties, he also worked at the trade of stone mason. His religious views were liberal, and his political principles were Republican. His death occurred in Greenwich, Mass., when he was fifty-one years of age. He and his wife reared a family of seven children, all of whom have since died, with the exception of Timothy W. Sloan, who was the eldest. The deceased were: Lorraine, Lucy, Laura, Abbie, Sardis, and George. Their mother died in Westfield, Mass., sixty-eight years of age.

Timothy W. Sloan received a good practical education in the district schools of Prescott. He learned the trade of a shoemaker; and, when twenty-one years of age, he went to Shutesbury, Mass., and obtained a position in the boot and shoe factory of J. H. Winter. In 1856 he went to Amherst, where he was employed by Oliver Watson in the same line of business. Soon after the beginning of the Civil War, on September 20, 1861, he enlisted in Company D of the Twenty-seventh Massachusetts Regiment; and, having been one of those most active in organizing the company, he was given the

captaincy. Among the battles in which he took part were those of Roanoke Island, Newbern, N.C., Beaufort, N.C., and Little Washington. After serving two years, he was honorably discharged on account of sickness and disability. He at once returned to Amherst; and, when he had regained his health sufficiently, he engaged in the boot and shoe business on his own account, and has continued in it since. His stock in trade, always one of the largest in the town, includes a variety of makes, and qualities to suit all tastes and purses. By his enterprise and fair dealing he has secured an excellent patronage.

In 1850, on November 26, he was joined in marriage with Miss Sarah T. Williams, who was born in Shutesbury, Mass., November 12, 1828, a daughter of Elijah and Lovisa (Pierce) Williams. Her father, who was born in Brooklyn, Conn., and was both a farmer and a wheelwright, died at the age of seventy-eight years; and her mother, who was a native of Shutesbury, Mass., lived to be seventy-one years of age. Both were members of the Baptist church, and he was an adherent of the Republican party. Twelve children were born to them, six sons and six daughters, of whom four are now living. These are: Harriet, wife of William Thurber; Emily, widow of James Thompson; Clara, who married Apollos Howard; and Sarah T., who is Mrs. Sloan. Of those deceased Mary married Asa Spear, and died in Palatine, Ill.; and Ange-line married Samuel White, of Prescott, and died in Chicago, Ill. The others were: Shepard, Orrin, Charles, and George; with Asa and Joseph, who both died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan have three children living, as follows: Jennie, wife of F. A. Hobbs, residing in South Lee, Mass.; Fred W., who is married, and assists his father in the store,

residing in Amherst; and Lizzie A., living at home. They lost two children by death, namely: Charles L., who died when three years old; and Emma M., at the age of eighteen years.

Captain Sloan is a Republican. For about eighteen years he has rendered most acceptable service to his town as Constable. He is a member of Pacific Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Amherst; also of the Edwin M. Stanton Post, No. 147, Grand Army of the Republic, of Amherst, of which he was the first Commander, a position held by him for over ten years. He is a member of the Universalist church, and his wife of the First Congregational Church.

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**E**DWARD T. BARRUS, a leading merchant and real estate owner of Williamsburg, was born in the town of Goshen, Mass., October 13, 1861, son of Theron L. and Czarina N. (Robinson) Barrus. Mr. Barrus's grandparents, Levi and Almeda (Stearns) Barrus, moved from Salem, Mass., to Goshen, and settled upon four hundred acres of land. Levi Barrus was a very prosperous farmer and a highly esteemed citizen. He was originally a Whig in politics, but later joined the Republican party. He was a member of the Baptist church. He died at his homestead in Goshen at the age of seventy-three years. His children were: Hiram, Lorin, Charles, Alvan, Laura, Jane, and Theron L.

Theron L. Barrus, Mr. Barrus's father, was born at the homestead in Goshen, September 1, 1829. He attended the select school three winter terms, working during the summer in the turning shop of Ranney & Gage, and also at plane-making. After finishing his studies he taught school for nine winters, his summers

being occupied in farming and working at plane-making in Swift River. He purchased what is known as the red house property, a farm of twenty acres, situated in the vicinity of his present residence, and devoted his summers to agriculture and his winters to the manufacturing of ladders, which he sold through the surrounding section. He later bought the Cushman place of eight acres, and still later the Parsons farm, which consists of one hundred acres; and he has since resided upon that property. He carries on general farming and dairying. He has remodelled the farm buildings, keeps ten choice cows, and is in good circumstances. He is a Republican in politics, and has been a member of the School Board for twenty years. He united with the Congregational church in young manhood, and at the age of twenty-five was chosen a Deacon, a position which he still holds. In 1852 Theron L. Barrus married Czarina N. Robinson, born December 27, 1831, and daughter of James and Adeline (Randall) Robinson. She became the mother of five children: James L., William A., Edward T., Mary A., and Lida E. The mother died May 6, 1895.

Edward T. Barrus commenced his studies in the schools of his native town, and completed his education at the Sanderson Academy in Ashfield, Mass. At the age of twenty years he began work as a wood polisher in the shop of the Crosby Manufacturing Company in Swift River. After remaining there for one year he went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he pursued a course at Eastman's Business College. He then went to Boston as a book-keeper in the wholesale clothing house of C. N. Mellen & Co., and after remaining there for a time resigned his position in order to devote his attention to teaching. He later returned to mercantile pursuits, and after act-

ing as travelling salesman for a short time purchased an interest in the general store of J. H. Godfrey in Goshen, where he remained in business for six years, at the expiration of which time he retired from the firm. In 1890 he came to Williamsburg and purchased the stock of S. K. Waite, which included buildings and the adjoining land on Main Street. He refitted the store and put in an extensive stock of general merchandise, so enabling himself to supply a large and constantly increasing patronage. He employs a force of five men, and four teams are kept busy in delivering goods. He also runs a provision store in Holyoke. Mr. Barrus is President of the Williamsburg Co-operative Creamery Association, which is proving a most profitable enterprise. He purchased the Kingsley shop on South Street, which he has enlarged and fitted up for storage purposes. He has also found it necessary to build an addition to his store. He has invested in a valuable piece of real estate on Main Street, which he has subdivided into building lots for residences, and in many other ways has displayed a spirit of energy and enterprise, which will, without doubt, insure his future prosperity.

On May 18, 1887, Mr. Barrus was united in marriage to Mary L. Graves, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Bartlett) Graves, of Southampton, Mass., and has one son, named Roger E., who was born May 16, 1893. Mr. Barrus is one of the brightest and most progressive young business men in Hampshire County, and is highly esteemed by his fellow-townsmen.

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JOHN T. KEATING, a rising young lawyer of Northampton, was born in that town, July 20, 1864. He is of Irish ancestry and parentage, and has inherited in an eminent degree the sterling traits of

character that distinguished his father, the late Michael Keating.

Michael Keating was born July 10, 1828, in Limerick, Ireland, son of Owen and Mary Keating. He was one of a family of six children, all of whom, except one who died in infancy, grew to manhood, and, after the death of their father, came with their widowed mother to America. The long voyage was made in a sailing-vessel in 1849, and occupied seven weeks. After a short stay in New York City the family located in Northampton, where Michael learned the trade of a mason and bricklayer. He afterward became one of the leading contractors and builders of the city; and for nearly thirty years he was employed by the government, doing all work needed from time to time at the hospital grounds. He counted among his friends Dr. Earle, who was for so many years the beloved superintendent of the asylum. Michael Keating was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and ability. He was honored by his fellow-townsmen by being elected a member of the first City Council. In this capacity he served three years, being the presiding officer one year. He was also the incumbent of several other offices of trust and responsibility. His death, on July 14, 1891, was a loss to the city, as well as to his family. On August 21, 1853, he married Mary Maloney, who came to America from Limerick, Ireland, in 1848 with her father, John Maloney. Of their five children three died very young. The survivors are: John T., above named; and Michael J., who has succeeded his father in business. The mother lived but one short year after the decease of her husband, dying July 14, 1892.

John T. Keating is a man of scholarly attainments, having been graduated from the Northampton High School in 1883 and four years later from Amherst College. Mr. Keat-

ing subsequently entered the law office of Judge Bassett, and on June 18, 1889, was admitted to the bar of Hampshire County. In the following October he was admitted to partnership with Judge Bassett; but since October, 1890, he has been in practice in his own office, at 102 Main Street. He is very active and influential in politics. He has been chairman of the Democratic City Committee for four years. He likewise served as Clerk of the Common Council for five years. Mr. Keating is a very fluent and ready speaker, and, during the Presidential campaign of 1892, made some of the most effective stump speeches of the time, including many addresses in French — a language with which he is very familiar. He is a very popular man in all circles, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a Knight of Pythias.

On September 17, 1892, Mr. Keating was united in marriage with Annie I. Cooney, a daughter of Michael Cooney. Mrs. Keating is a very bright and capable woman, and, with her sister, Ella Cooney, is engaged in the millinery business in Northampton. In 1892 Mr. Keating was prominently mentioned as an eligible candidate for Mayor. Mr. and Mrs. Keating have a beautiful home at 94 State Street, a house erected by his father in 1884 for John T. Dewey, who afterward sold it to the builder.

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**T**HE STANTON FAMILY, of Huntington, have long resided in Hampshire County; and many of its members are well known in that section of the State. They are descendants of Thomas Stanton, who emigrated from England to the Colony of Virginia in 1636. Thence he went to Boston, and later to Hartford, Conn., where in 1637 he settled, and established a trading-post.

He married Ann Lord and became the father of twelve children. He died December 2, 1676. His second son, Captain John Stanton, was born in Hartford in 1641, and was educated for the ministry. He served as Captain in King Philip's War, and became prominent in framing the laws of the colony. He died October 13, 1713. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Thompson, became the mother of six children. John Stanton, Jr., first son of Captain John Stanton, was born May 22, 1665. He received land from his father, upon which he resided until his death. He raised a family of eleven children, and his seventh son, Jabez Stanton, was born December 19, 1718. He resided in Preston, Conn., and died March 2, 1804. His wife, Sarah Morse, was the mother of eleven children. Abel Stanton, fourth son of Jabez Stanton, was born December 29, 1748. When a young man he settled upon a tract of land in Norwich, Mass., where he followed agriculture until his death, which occurred in 1821. He married Olive Reed, and had a family of twelve children, as follows: Abel, Jabez, Thomas, Asher, James, Joseph, Waldon, Deborah, Sarah, Peleg, Daniel, and Seth.

Deacon Joseph Stanton, sixth son of Abel Stanton, was born in Connecticut, July 18, 1783. He came to Huntington in youth with his father, resided there during the remainder of his life, and died at the old Stanton homestead, March 12, 1870. His wife, who before her marriage was Grace Winchell, of Chester, became the mother of eight children; namely, Luke W., Jabez, Harmon, Fannie, Henry, Joseph, Adeline, and Catherine. She died in November, 1875. Luke W., first son of Deacon Joseph Stanton, was born in Huntington, April 17, 1806. He graduated from Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me., and became a practising physician in Amenia, N.Y., where he

died February 5, 1869. He married Harriet Paine. Jabez Stanton was born July 16, 1808. He became station agent for the Boston & Albany Railroad in Huntington, a position which he satisfactorily filled for many years. He died November 14, 1872. He married Rachel Hatch, and was the father of two children; namely, Atherton and Adeline. Atherton is now manager of a brewery in Pittston, Pa. He has been twice married; and his second wife, who was Ella Collins, has borne him one son, Wilson. Adeline married H. Wilson Munson, and resides in Huntington. Harmon, third son of Deacon Joseph Stanton, was born December 4, 1810. He followed agriculture in Iowa for a time, and later moved to Oakland, Cal. He married for his first wife Catherine Stevens, who died; and he wedded for his second wife Hannah Elder, who bore him two children, namely, James E. and Emma A. Harmon Stanton died in California. His widow is still living. Fannie M. Stanton, daughter of Deacon Joseph Stanton, was born February 12, 1813. She married for her first husband Hiram Chapman, by whom she had three children, namely: Henry S., now of New York; Emerson, who died in Salisbury Prison while a soldier; and Irving, of New York. Her first husband having died, she wedded for her second Moses Fisk, and died in January, 1879.

Henry, the fifth child of Deacon Joseph Stanton, was born April 5, 1815. He engaged in the lumber business, which he followed for many years with varying fortune, but, on the whole, was fairly successful. He became prominent in public affairs, and represented his district in the legislature in 1853. He was an active member of the Baptist church, was deeply interested in church work, and was Deacon many years. Henry Stanton was accidentally killed in Huntington by being

thrown from a load of logs, December 26, 1874. He married Rosamond F. Knight in 1840. She was born June 30, 1819, daughter of Erastus Knight, of Norwich. She died August 23, 1889. Henry Stanton was by her the father of nine children. Four of them were as follows: Ellen R., who died November 3, 1854; Lowell M., who is a gardener in Springfield, is married to Mary A. Hill, and had three children, namely, Grace B. and Lowell E. (both deceased since 1882), and Walter D.; Flora Lucinda, born September 15, 1851, residing in Huntington; and Willie P., born February 12, 1854, who died September 10, 1856.

Henry Ellsworth Stanton, the second child of Henry and Rosamond Stanton, was born in Knightville, January 23, 1846. At the age of seven years his parents moved to Middlefield, where he resided until 1861, when they removed to the old Stanton homestead in Huntington. On July 20, 1864, he enlisted in Company H, Eighth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, for one hundred days' service in the Civil War, and was discharged November 10 of that year. In the spring of 1866 he went to Amenia, N.Y., where he took charge of his uncle's farm, and remained there for several months. He then learned the carriage-maker's trade; and returning to Huntington carried on that business until 1870, when he purchased the Huntington Mills. Later he sold the grist-mill, but still continued to operate the saw-mill. Since 1885 he has engaged in contracting to a considerable extent. He constructed a portion of the water works at Springfield and at Meriden, Conn., and has built several miles of State roads. He was formerly a Republican in politics, but since 1885 has acted with the Prohibition party. He has served as Tax Collector and Constable for several years. He united with the Baptist

church in 1865, and has been a Deacon since 1890. On November 21, 1871, he married Eliza A. Smith, who was born in Middlefield, Mass., May 20, 1846, and they had three children, namely: Emory E.; Robert H., who died September 27, 1877; and Luke W.

Frederick Potter Stanton, the sixth child of Henry Stanton, was born in Middlefield, Mass., March 21, 1858. He grew to manhood at the Stanton homestead in Huntington, and after the death of his father he opened a coal and wood yard. He subsequently dealt in ice, stone, brick, cement, etc., besides undertaking extensive contracts, in all of which enterprises he has been successful. He has always been an active Republican in politics, and is a member of the Baptist church. On May 7, 1888, he married Hattie L. Smith, who was born in Middlefield, May 8, 1859, and has two children; namely, Helen L. and Louisa R. Albert H. Stanton, Henry Stanton's seventh child, was born January 23, 1860. He has always followed mercantile pursuits, and is now Auditor of the town of Huntington. Edward W. Stanton, the eighth, was born January 9, 1862. He is a professional book-keeper, and was a member of the School Board of Huntington. George Knight Stanton, the ninth, was born September 28, 1864. He learned the trade of a carpenter, which he followed for some time. He now owns the Stanton homestead, and devotes his energies to gardening and the milk business.

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**H**OLESY J. SEARLE, an experienced and efficient agriculturist occupying the fine estate known as the Park Hill Farm, in the Fourth Ward of Northampton, Mass., was born in Huntington, Hampshire County, on April 29, 1849, son of Emerson and Miriam (Sanford) Searle. His

grandfather, Joel Searle, who was born on November 18, 1774, was a prosperous farmer of Huntington. He was married on January 24, 1799, to Miss Sophia Sheldon, who was born on January 29, 1777. Nine children were born of their union, four sons and five daughters, all now deceased. Joel Searle died on January 4, 1860, at eighty-six years of age, and his wife one year later at the age of eighty-four years and seven months.

Emerson Searle, who was reared to the vocation of a farmer, settled in the town of Huntington on a farm containing one hundred acres, which he increased to four hundred acres. Later he disposed of a part of his property, and moved to Northampton to where his son now lives. At his death, which occurred on May 1, 1894, he left quite an estate. He married on January 18, 1844, Miss Miriam Sanford, who was born in Huntington on September 18, 1812, and was a daughter of Holsey Sanford, of Saybrook, Conn. Her father was born on October 10, 1765; and at fifteen years of age he became a soldier in the Revolutionary War, as a substitute for a brother who was taken ill while in service. There were four sons and three daughters born of this union, of whom a brief record follows: Jerusha Gertrude, whose birth occurred May 21, 1846, lived to be but nineteen years of age, dying of diphtheria, January 24, 1866, in the week in which her wedding day was appointed; her sister, Julia Esther, who had died of diphtheria a few days before, on January 20, was eighteen years of age; Holsey J. Searle is the subject of the brief biography below; Miriam Adelia, born October 22, 1850, is the wife of Wallace A. Mann, of 3 Smith Street, Northampton; George E. Searle, born June 9, 1852, resides in Easthampton; Abner Sanford Searle, born on Washington's Birthday in 1854, lives in Had-



HOLSEY J. SEARLE.



ley, Mass.; and Charlie P. Searle, born September 10, 1856, lives on the old homestead. Their mother died on July 13, 1894, at almost eighty-two years of age. Both parents were members of the Congregational church.

Holsey J. Searle acquired his early education in the district school, which was supplemented by a course at Wilbraham Academy. He then turned his attention to agriculture, and for four years carried on a farm in Huntington, Mass. Following that, he conducted a hotel for four years, after which he went to Nebraska, where he spent the following two years. He then came back to the Northampton farm, for which his father paid the sum of sixteen thousand dollars, and in 1875 built thereon a fine large barn, eighty by fifty feet, with an L thirty-eight by forty feet, and three stories in height, with a basement underneath. The homestead is still a part of his father's estate, of which he is the administrator. He is successfully engaged in mixed husbandry, and grows each year from six to fifteen acres of tobacco. The farm yields annually about one hundred tons of hay; and he keeps thirty cows, the milk from which is marketed in Northampton by a brother who has a milk route.

Mr. Searle was married on May 8, 1878, to Miss Elizabeth Bassett, of Easthampton, a daughter of Joel L. and Phebe (Thompson) Bassett. Her father did an extensive business as a farmer, contractor, and manufacturer, and was very successful. He was thrice married, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Phebe Thompson, had three children, namely: Louise, who died when five years old; Justin H. Bassett, who died at the early age of twenty-nine years, leaving a wife and daughter; and Elizabeth, Mrs. Searle. Mr. and Mrs. Searle have lost an infant daughter, and now

have two living children; namely, Gertrude Phebe, who is twelve years of age; and Joel Bassett Searle, a lad of five years.

In political principles Mr. Searle is a Republican. For two years he served as a member of the Common Council, and is now an Alderman. He is a member of Ionic Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Easthampton. An excellent portrait of this influential and valued citizen will be found on a neighboring page of this volume.

**B**YRON SMITH, a farmer of South Hadley, Mass., was born in Groton, New London County, Conn., July 16, 1825, son of Erastus T. and Rebecca (Barber) Smith. Mr. Smith's paternal grandparents were Gilbert and Prudence Smith. A fuller genealogy is contained in a work entitled, "The History of the Smith Family," a copy of which is now in the possession of Mr. Byron Smith.

Erastus T. Smith was born in Groton, Conn., June 24, 1789. In early manhood he engaged in mercantile pursuits, but subsequently became a cotton and paper manufacturer, conducting business for a number of years, first in Rochester, N.Y., and later in South Hadley, finally retiring and returning to Rochester, where he died. He was three times married. His first wife, Rebecca Barber, was born in Groton, Conn., and was a daughter of John Barber, a prosperous farmer of that town. She died in South Hadley, November 11, 1838. His second wife, Lucia Mills, of West Hartford, Conn., died in Rochester, N.Y., in 1857. His third wife, Emily Perkins, of Litchfield, Conn., survives her husband and now resides in Rochester, N.Y.

By his first wife Mr. Smith had the following children: Erastus B., born in 1812, now

deceased; Frances R., who married first Isaac Lyon, of Rochester, and, secondly, Wells Southworth, of West Springfield, but is no longer living; Gilbert Morgan, born in 1818, who married Eliza Ely, and died November 12, 1891, was Postmaster of South Hadley during Lincoln's administration and until his death, November 12, 1891; Prudence E., now deceased, the wife of Dr. H. W. Dean, of Rochester, N.Y.; Byron, subject of this sketch; Henry Walworth, born in 1827, and now deceased, who married Mary Hooker; William Avery, born in 1829, who met his death by drowning in Rochester, N.Y., in 1833; Helen F., born in 1833, who died in 1851.

Byron Smith, having received his education in Westfield, Mass., and at the public schools in South Hadley, at the age of twenty-two engaged in farming in South Hadley. He subsequently erected a flour-mill upon his farm, which he conducted in company with his father for some years, giving it his chief attention. He finally abandoned the mill and returned to agriculture, devoting his energies to general farming and dairying, besides carrying on a considerable trade in eggs and farm produce. He has supplied the college at South Hadley with two hundred quarts of milk per day. His home farm consists of thirty acres of well-improved land, and besides this he owns other real estate in the town. Although he is now practically retired from active labor, he exercises a general oversight of his farm and performs some of the lighter duties connected therewith.

In 1847 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Nancy Dwight, of Belchertown, Mass., daughter of Justin and Eliza Dwight. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of two children, namely: Rebecca Frances, who resides at home; and Erastus Gilbert, a graduate of Amherst College and Göttingen, Germany,

now a professor in the Beloit, Wis., College. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Congregational church, and take active part in church work. Mr. Smith is Republican in politics, having cast his vote with the Republican party since its formation. During the Civil War he was a member of the Board of Selectmen of his town. He has always been greatly interested in the college, and has been their marshal for many years. He has also been prominently connected with all important improvements in the town during his time.

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**A**. B. CURTIS, a general farmer and stock-raiser of Worthington, was born in that town, November 4, 1820, son of Elijah W. and Polly (Benjamin) Curtis. Mr. Curtis's grandfather, Beriah Curtis, was an early settler in Worthington, and purchased a part of the farm where his grandson now resides. He cleared and improved the property, and followed agriculture successfully until his death, which was caused by the explosion of his gun while engaged in hunting. Beriah Curtis was the father of two children; namely, Dillasy and Elijah.

Elijah Curtis, father of Mr. Curtis, commenced to learn the trade of a carpenter at the age of fourteen; and when twenty-one years old he erected the house in which his son resides. He carried on the farm prosperously, and died September 13, 1847. He was a Republican in politics, and served as a Selectman for several years. Elijah Curtis was twice married. His first wife, now deceased, was a daughter of Samuel Morse, a resident of Worthington. His second wife, whose maiden name was Polly Benjamin, became the mother of six children, as follows: Mary, who died young; another child, who died in infancy; A. B. Curtis, the subject of this sketch; Har-

mony D., who married Milton Nash; Betsey, who resides with Mr. Curtis; and Mary, who married John H. Tinker, a farmer of Chester, and has since died. Her death occurred March 13, 1860.

A. B. Curtis was educated in the district schools and Mountain Academy, and reared to agricultural life. He taught school in Middlefield, Peru, and Worthington for several terms, but has always resided upon the farm which he inherited after his father's death. He has conducted general farming with good results, and is a successful stock-raiser. In politics he is a Republican, and has always supported the principles of that party with zeal. He has been a Selectman for several years, and has rendered good service to the town in other positions of trust.

On September 13, 1846, Mr. Curtis was united in marriage to his first wife, whose maiden name was Fidelia H. Harrington. She was born in Rowe, Mass., in 1827, daughter of Thomas Harrington. Mr. Curtis's first wife died March 3, 1863. On February 10, 1864, he wedded for his second wife Mary Emily Noble, a native of Washington, Mass., where she was born October 9, 1836. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis have three children, namely: Mary F., born February 3, 1868; Alden Noble, born February 16, 1876; and Elmer Noble, born July 21, 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis and children are members of the Congregational church.



A. GRIDLEY, a general merchant of South Hadley, was born in Granby, Mass., October 27, 1845, son of Addison and Sibel (Ayers) Gridley. Mr. Gridley's grandfather, the Rev. Elijah Gridley, moved from Mansfield, Conn., to Granby, and became pastor of the church in that town,

where he was a well-known and much esteemed clergyman. He also engaged in agriculture, and resided in Granby until his death, which occurred June 10, 1834.

Addison Gridley was born in Granby in 1801. He was twice married. His first marriage was with Sibel Ayers, a native of Granby, who made him the father of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only survivor. His second wife is the present Mrs. Gridley, whose maiden name was Maria Burnham.

C. A. Gridley was educated in the schools of Granby and South Hadley, and later attended the business college in Springfield, Mass. He commenced life for himself at the age of twenty, and worked for a time in his native State. He then went to La Salle, Ill., and, after remaining there for a time, returned to Massachusetts, and in 1871 came to South Hadley, where he engaged in mercantile business with Mr. Montague. The next year Mr. Montague sold his interest to W. A. Warner, who, after remaining one year, sold his interest to E. W. Gridley, brother of C. A., after which the business was continued under the firm name of C. A. Gridley & Co. In 1876 the store was destroyed by fire, but was rebuilt; and later, selling out to his brother, C. A. Gridley went to Brattleboro, Vt., where he conducted a boot and shoe business for two years. He then returned to South Hadley again, and resumed business at the old store, from which his brother retired. It is at present a general country store, well stocked with the varied line of goods usually carried in such an establishment; and it has a large amount of trade. He has also invested in real estate, carries on an insurance business, and owns the home farm in Granby.

On June 4, 1874, Mr. Gridley was united in marriage to Martha P. Miller, who was born

in South Hadley in 1852, daughter of Edward C. and Elizabeth Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Gridley have two children: James Leonard and Bessie Maria. They are active members of the Congregational church.

Mr. Gridley is independent in his political views, believing that the most capable should serve in offices of public trust. He has been prominently identified with political questions, and was a member of the School Board for four years. He is also a Justice of the Peace and a Notary Public. His successful life is due entirely to his own energy and business ability.

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**R**EV. EDWARD E. KEEDY, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Hadley, was born in Rohrersville, Washington County, Md., January 6, 1869, son of the Rev. David D. and Lucinda (Brechbill) Keedy. The ancestors of the family were early settlers in Washington County, the village of Keedysville being named in their honor. The Rev. David Keedy was connected with the United Brethren church, serving the church for a long time as Presiding Elder. He died in Keedysville, on January 12, 1895. His wife is still living, and resides in Keedysville. Mr. Keedy's family consisted of nine children, all of whom are living. They are: Daniel, Louisa, Lillian, Cyrus, Horace, Edward E., John, Anna, and Homer.

Edward E. Keedy, after acquiring the rudiments of knowledge, began his more advanced studies in the college at Lebanon Valley in the fall of 1885. He graduated from that institution in 1889, and then attended the Yale Divinity School at New Haven for two years, and for one year filled the position of principal of the high school in Rohrersville, Md. At the end of this period he returned to the Yale Divinity School, and, after a year's further

study, was graduated, remaining in New Haven as a graduate student for one year. In April, 1894, he came to Hadley, and took charge of the First Congregational Church, in which position he has since remained. He was ordained to the ministry on October 17, 1894. The church of which he is pastor was organized in 1658, and is well known as one of the oldest churches in the State and the oldest west of Springfield.

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**C**HARLES W. FELTON, a stirring and enterprising farmer of Enfield, was born in the town of Ware, September 9, 1859, son of Daniel B. and Arvilla (Grover) Felton.

The first representative of the Felton family in this country came from England in the person of Nathaniel Felton. He was born about the year 1615, and settled in Salem, Mass., when only sixteen or seventeen years of age. In the course of time he became a prominent citizen of that place, winning the esteem of his fellow-men as a man of good judgment and integrity. He married Miss Mary Skelton, a daughter of the Rev. Samuel Skelton, who was the first minister of Salem. Mr. Felton died on July 30, 1705, at the advanced age of ninety years; and his wife died on May 8, 1701, aged seventy-five years. Ebenezer Felton, son of Nathaniel Felton, born in Salem in 1685, was a carpenter by trade. He was one of the first settlers of New Salem, Mass., to which place he went with his five sons in 1740, when fifty-five years of age. In November, 1742, he and his wife were transferred from Salem church to the church in New Salem. He was the first Deacon of the church, and was the first Town Clerk in New Salem. He was one of the Selectmen in 1753, the year the town was incorporated.

He died in 1776, aged ninety years. His wife, it is believed, lived several years after her husband's death.

Amos Felton, grandson of Ebenezer, and grandfather of Charles W. Felton, was born in Shutesbury, Mass., December 5, 1779. He followed the calling of a farmer throughout his life, residing in the town of New Salem, which was formerly a part of Shutesbury. He died in New Salem on April 24, 1850. For his first wife he married Miss Lydia King, who was born January 27, 1779, and was a daughter of Samuel King, of New Salem. Nine children of this union were reared, but all have since died. Their mother's death occurred July 31, 1839. Mr. Felton's second union was with Mrs. Eunice Thomas. She died in 1874, leaving no children.

Daniel B. Felton, who was a native of what is now called New Salem, Mass., was born August 31, 1814. Soon after leaving his parental home to start in life for himself, he settled in Abington, Mass., and remained there until about the year 1857, when he removed to Ware. Here, in company with others, he engaged in a large lumber business, and operated a saw-mill. He died in Ware, August 24, 1861. He was an attendant of the Universalist church, and was a Republican in politics. He was twice married. His first union was with Miss Lydia Felton. She died on February 18, 1847, leaving five children. After her death he married Miss Arvilla Grover, who was born in Denmark, Me., in 1835, daughter of Lemuel and Hannah (Long) Grover, of Denmark, Me. Six children were born of the latter union. Of all Daniel B. Felton's children seven are now living, as follows: Mary L., who married William Wheeler, residing in Worcester, Mass.; Hattie A., the wife of Arthur Hunt, of Brockton, Mass.; Daniel T., residing in Worcester; Lydia A. R., who mar-

ried Lyman Hathaway, of Ware; John W., residing in Hinsdale; Webster F., who lives in Greenwich; and Charles W., the subject of this article. The deceased were: Henry C., Joanna B., Ida E., and Frank B. After her husband's death Mrs. Arvilla Felton was joined in marriage with Sidney Richards, of Enfield, where he resided, on the farm now owned by her son, Charles W. Felton. This farm had been in the Richards family since about 1800, having been first occupied by James Richards and his wife, formerly Sarah Rich. They were succeeded at their death by their son Sidney, who was born on September 7, 1797. He died January 9, 1881. His union with Mrs. Felton was blessed by the birth of a daughter, Susan A., now the wife of Edgar O. Cogswell, and residing in Allston, near Boston, Mass. Mrs. Richards died February 23, 1895.

Charles W. Felton was five years old at the time his mother settled in Enfield. He acquired a good practical education in the common schools of Enfield and at New Salem Academy, after which he turned his attention to farming, and has continued in that occupation since. He now has a choice farm of two hundred acres, where he successfully carries on mixed farming and dairying. He keeps fifty head of cattle. The farm buildings have been remodelled and improved since he purchased the place. Everywhere can be seen evidences of the proprietor's enterprise and good judgment.

In January, 1880, he was united in marriage with Miss Angenette I. Cogswell, who was born in New Salem, June 22, 1861, a daughter of Henry and Lura (Underwood) Cogswell. Her father is successfully engaged in farming and lumbering in New Salem. Her mother died on July 23, 1873. Mr. Cogswell entered into a second marriage

with Miss Faustina A. Stone, on June 2, 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Felton have no children. Mr. Felton casts his vote with the Republican party, and for several years he has been chairman of the Republican Town Committee. He takes much interest in the welfare of his town, and for several years has served faithfully as Assessor. He has also filled the office of Road Commissioner since it was created. He is a member of Bethel Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Mrs. Felton is a communicant of the Congregational church at Enfield.

**G**EORGE C. MONTAGUE, a wide-awake, progressive, and industrious agriculturist of the town of Granby, owns and occupies a farm that, in regard to its appointments, compares favorably with the best in the locality. The neat and orderly appearance of the property makes manifest to the most casual observer the thrift and care of the proprietor, and most conclusively his thorough understanding of his business, as well as the good judgment he exercises in its management.

He is a native of Massachusetts, born in Wilbraham, March 5, 1845. Mr. Montague, having married Jane C., daughter of Amos and Ruth (Clark) Ferry, of Granby, on April 27, 1864, then began farming on his own account. He continued in that occupation until 1881, when he had the misfortune to be burned out, losing all of his buildings and stock. Instead of rebuilding he then bought the farm adjoining, with the buildings upon it. He now resides there, is very pleasantly located, and continues his business as a farmer. Mr. Montague takes an interest in politics, working for the prosperity of the Republican party. He has served the town in many ways, and is now filling the office of sexton. He is a great admirer of fine stock, and is especially inter-

ested in nice horses. He is a liberal contributor to the advancement of the religious and moral culture of the town.

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**C**HARLES S. CROUCH, an enterprising real estate dealer in Northampton, who is also a practical carpenter and builder, was born in Wardsboro, Vt., August 17, 1829, son of Elisha and Olive (Brown) Crouch. His father was a twin brother of Elijah Crouch, of Stowe, Mass., and his mother was a native of Princeton. They had two sons and four daughters. One son passed away in infancy; and one daughter, Lucinda, wife of Zimri Scott, a farmer in Gill, is yet living.

Charles S. Crouch attended school in Brattleboro, Vt., Chicopee and Springfield, Mass., studying in the latter city at the Lawton Private School. When a boy he sold papers on the street in Springfield, and developed a keen business talent, selecting the most taking topics to call out when vending his wares. In his seventeenth year he began to learn the carpenter's trade, which he worked at in Springfield and Chicopee. With the exception of three years when he was engaged in manufacturing tools in Northampton, he has since followed this vocation. A man of foresight and untiring energy, he deals extensively in real estate, buying large tracts of vacant land, which he divides into house lots, laying out streets and building good houses for sale.

On June 26, 1846, Mr. Crouch was united in marriage to Susan M., daughter of Isaac Alvord, of Northampton. She passed away in March, 1855, leaving three children, who are located as follows: Nellie, wife of Samuel L. Graves, a decorator, is living at Buffalo, N.Y., and has five children; Emma, wife of Elbridge Wait, lives in Hartford, Conn., and has one



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son; Alice, wife of Henry Lander, resides in Boston. Mr. Crouch subsequently married Jane B. Bardwell, of Hartford, Conn., who for many years was a teacher in the public schools; and one child was born to them, Anna Elizabeth, who died in infancy. Their pleasant home at 66 Pleasant Street, in which they have lived for the past fifteen years, Mr. Crouch built in 1880. In politics Mr. Crouch is a Republican. He has been a member of the Common Council two terms, and is serving the second year as Alderman of Ward One. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist.

On a page near by will be seen a portrait of this well-known, progressive, and eminently useful citizen.

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REV. WILLIAM E. DICKINSON, pastor of the College Mission Church in Amherst, was born in North Amherst, June 11, 1832, son of Daniel and Tammy (Eastman) Dickinson, respectively natives of Amherst and Granby, Mass. Mr. Dickinson comes of a distinguished family which up to the present time has numbered many prominent professional men among its members. His grandfather, Azariah Dickinson, was an early settler of Amherst, he and his brother Oliver having been large landowners and wealthy citizens in the town. His wife also, Mary Eastman, was a member of a prominent family. They both lived to an advanced age, rearing five children, all of whom became prominent in church work. They were: Ransom, a Deacon; Daniel, the father of William E.; Austin, a minister; Baxter, a doctor of divinity; and Hannah, wife of Deacon Austin Loomis.

Daniel Dickinson grew to manhood in Amherst, receiving his education in the schools of that town and in Hadley Academy. His chief

occupation was agriculture, and he was a large land-owner in the town. Politically, Mr. Dickinson was first a Whig and then a Republican. He represented his district in the legislature, was Selectman of the town for many terms, Assessor, and Justice of the Peace. He was often called upon to settle differences respecting estates. In military matters also he was interested, and acted as Captain of the State militia. In religious belief he was a Congregationalist, and was influential among the members of the church in North Amherst. He died December 25, 1875, aged eighty-two years. He was twice married, and was the father of two children by his first wife and of six by his second. The latter was the mother of the subject of this sketch. She lived eighty-six years, passing away in 1887. Of these children four are now living, namely: Daniel, a farmer in Illinois; William E., the subject, as before mentioned; Sarah, wife of the Rev. Frederick Phelps, of Whiting, Vt.; and Charles R., a farmer residing on the old Oliver Dickinson farm in North Amherst. Louisa, wife of the Rev. J. M. Green, D.D., of Lowell, died at the age of fifty-one; Edward B., a Sergeant in Company D, Twenty-seventh Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, died when a young man of twenty-eight, soon after the close of the war, from a disease contracted while in the service; and one child died in infancy.

William E. Dickinson received his early education in the public schools of Amherst and Easthampton. He graduated from Amherst College in 1855. He subsequently studied theology at the Union Theological Seminary, New York, and at Andover. He graduated at the latter place in 1858, and was ordained at Orleans in 1860. He was in poor health at the time of his ordination, but bravely took up the duties of his vocation. His first charge

as a regular pastor was at Canton, Mass., where he remained four years, subsequently filling pulpits at Walpole, N.H., and at Chicopee, Mass. In the latter place he remained twelve years. He was dismissed from Chicopee to accept a call to Fitzwilliam, N.H. After four years of service there he removed to Amherst, where he is now pastor of the College Mission Church. He is enjoining by word and deed the great principle of Christianity, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," while blessed in return by the love of all in his flock.

In 1860 Mr. Dickinson was united in marriage with Eliza H. Hobart, a native of Amherst, daughter of Joshua Hobart, an early settler of the same town. Their union was blessed by one son, Edward B., who was born in Amherst, and is now a leading dentist there, an adept in his profession and a capable business man.

Mr. Dickinson votes the Republican ticket. He has been active and efficient in educational matters, having been called to serve on various school boards during his pastorates both in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. He and his wife are Congregationalists in religious belief. Mr. Dickinson belongs to one of the old families of the town, which for several generations has sustained a reputation for probity, intellectual ability, and prominence in church work.

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CHARLES S. RECORD, a prominent resident of Greenwich, was born in Barre, Mass., January 26, 1819, son of Daniel and Prudence (Warner) Record. Mr. Record's grandfather was an early settler in old Middleboro, Mass., and was the father of six children. Daniel Record, son of Grandfather Record, was a native of Middleboro. He was reared to agricultural work, which he

subsequently followed, together with other occupations. He settled in Barre, where he resided the greater part of his life, and died at the age of fifty-six years. His wife was born in New Braintree, Mass., of which her father was one of the early settlers. He was a typical New England pioneer, sturdy and industrious, whose prosperity was the result of energy and perseverance. His children were large of frame, possessed robust constitutions, and were noted for their longevity. Mrs. Daniel Record bore her husband five children, three of whom grew to maturity. The only survivor now is Charles S., the subject of this sketch. Those deceased were: Adams, an infant; Martha H.; and Andrew C. The mother lived nearly ninety-two years.

Charles S. Record came to Greenwich in early boyhood and attended the district schools of that town. His school days ended prematurely, as he was bound out to General John Warner, of Greenwich, when quite young. He learned the scythe-maker's and blacksmith's trades, remaining with Mr. Warner for twenty-one years. In 1855 he started a shop for general blacksmith work and jobbing, which he conducted successfully for twenty years. At the expiration of that time he sold his shop and has since been engaged in various occupations. He was well known throughout the county as a first-class horse-shoer; and he has now a high reputation as a horse-trainer, which is his present calling. He has been an energetic and industrious man. Temperate in his habits through life, he is still alert and active, although nearing his fourscore years. In politics he is a Republican, and has long been identified with public affairs in his locality. He has served as a Constable, Collector, Road Commissioner, and moderator of Town Meetings for several terms, but has now retired from official duties.





GEORGE H. RAY.

On January 24, 1850, Mr. Record was united in marriage to Maria L. Loud. She was born in South Weymouth, Mass., daughter of Cyrus and Louisa Loud. Mr. and Mrs. Record have one daughter, Clara Louisa, who is now the wife of Ambrose Walker, and resides in Amesbury, Mass. Mr. Record is held in high estimation by the people of Greenwich. He is liberal in his religious views, and both he and his wife were members of the Congregational church choir for fifty years. He occupies a pleasant homestead in the village, comprising about twenty acres of land.

**G**EORGE H. RAY, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary of the Nonotuck Silk Company at Florence, Mass., whose portrait is presented in this connection, is a capable and efficient business man, and is held in high regard as an eminently useful and worthy citizen. He is of Connecticut birth, having entered upon this stage of existence, February 22, 1843, in the town of Canterbury, Windham County. His father, George K. Ray, now living with him in Florence, was born at Griswold, Conn., February 13, 1818, son of Daniel and Harriet (Tracy) Ray. Grandfather Ray was a farmer. His other children were: a daughter, who died; and a son, Moses T. Ray, who is a prosperous agriculturist in Mendota, La Salle County, Ill.

George K. Ray was a wheelwright, and was busily employed at his trade in Canterbury, Conn., during the most of his working years. In May, 1842, he married Elizabeth Burnett, of Canterbury; and they became the parents of four children, of whom two, a son and a daughter, died in infancy, George H. and Marion F. being the only ones now surviving. The latter is book-keeper at the Universalist Publishing House on West Street, Boston.

George H. Ray was reared to agricultural pursuits on the parental farm, and was a constant and diligent pupil at the district school, where he acquired a substantial education, being fitted for the teacher's calling, in which he engaged two winters during his early manhood. In the second year of the Rebellion his patriotism was aroused to such an extent that, although he had not yet attained his majority, he enlisted, in August, 1862, in Company A, Eighteenth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. He was at the forefront in many of the important conflicts of the war, and on June 15, 1863, at the battle of Winchester, Va., was taken prisoner, being subsequently confined, in durance most vile and abominable, at Libby Prison and Belle Isle, until he was exchanged. He was mustered out at Hartford in July, 1865, having served three years lacking one month. On his return to civil life Mr. Ray taught school one term at Leeds, coming thence to Northampton, December 9, 1865. He was first engaged in a mercantile business for a few months, giving it up to accept the position of book-keeper for the Nonotuck Silk Company, beginning his duties February 11, 1867. Mr. Ray has been connected with this company a period of twenty-eight years, and has occupied his present office as Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the company for the past ten years, a sufficient indication of his ability and trustworthiness. He is likewise a stockholder and a Director of the John M. Leonard Silk Company.

On May 21, 1867, Mr. Ray was united in marriage with Miss C. Emily Chesson, of Northampton, a daughter of Frederick W. and Ann J. Chesson, of Chatham, England, being one of their four children that came to America. Five children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ray, one of whom, George Burnett, died January 28, 1871, aged

three years; Annie James Ray, the wife of Harold Chesson, of this place, has one son; Benjamin Eastwood Ray was graduated from Amherst College in 1895; Elizabeth Chesson Ray was graduated from the Northampton High School in the class of 1895; and Julia Marion, a young lady of sixteen years, is still a student.

In local affairs Mr. Ray has always evinced genuine interest, and in the performance of public duties has shown the same efficient capability that has marked his private labors, devoting to them his time and attention in a generous measure. In politics he uniformly casts his vote with the Republican party, and for three years was a valued member of the School Board; he was also a member of the first City Council. He is also a Trustee of the Lilly Library. Socially, he is a Master Mason and a member of the William L. Baker Post, No. 86, Grand Army of the Republic, having been Commander two years. He and his wife are valued members of the Congregational Church, in which he is Deacon.

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**H**ORACE S. TAYLOR, a progressive agriculturist of Granby, was born March 19, 1866, son of Frederick and Mary I. (Cowles) Taylor. Mr. Taylor began the battle of life when a youth of eighteen years. He first obtained employment as a clerk in the store of J. S. Preston & Co., gentlemen's furnishing goods, in Holyoke. Afterward he occupied a similar position in the store of Brown Brothers. Having remained in Holyoke three years he went West, and spent a season visiting in Chicago and in the neighboring city of Rockford. Returning East in 1889, he was employed in the creamery for two years. After this he bought his present property, formerly known as the Steb-

bins farm, which he has since conducted very successfully. It contains one hundred and sixty acres of land. The larger part of it is in a high state of cultivation, and gives fine crops of corn and hay each season. He also keeps a large dairy, selling the milk to the creamery, of which he is a Director.

On February 15, 1893, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage with Miss Jessie May Bell, a native of Bethel, Conn., and a daughter of the Rev. R. C. Bell, pastor of the Granby Congregational Church, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are estimable members. Politically, Mr. Taylor is an adherent of the Republican party. A worthy and valued member of society, his reputation for integrity and honorable dealing is unblemished.

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**M**RS. EUNICE MARIA BLAIR, a highly esteemed resident of Ware, is the widow of the late Francis Blair, who passed away at his home on West Street, on August 3, 1883, when but forty-seven years of age. He was born in the west part of the town of Ware, and was a son of Ambrose and Sarah (Dunbar) Blair, the former of whom was a native of Warren, Mass. His father was a successful farmer, spent his life in cultivating the land, and died in 1886, eighty-four years of age. His wife, who was a daughter of Seth Dunbar, of Ware, reared him a son and daughter, respectively named Francis and Almira. The latter died at the home of her brother's widow in 1893, when fifty-four years of age. She was a lady of the most amiable disposition. For many years she gave the most tender care to her invalid mother, who died in 1879, when about sixty-five years of age.

Mrs. Blair is a daughter of Deacon Milton and Maria (Snell) Lewis, respectively natives

of Dedham and Ware, Mass. Her father was a well-informed man, and taught school both before and after his marriage. The latter part of his life, however, was chiefly spent in agriculture, on his farm in the West Parish of Ware. He was a zealous member of the Congregational church, in which he served for many years as Deacon. On April 6, 1831, he was united in marriage with Miss Maria Snell, who bore him eight children. Of these a son died in infancy, and Nelson C. who lived but seventeen years. Thomas A., whose death occurred when he was thirty years old, was a graduate of Amherst College in the class of 1859, and had prepared for the ministry. He served as chaplain in the Civil War; and at the time of his death, in 1865, was engaged to be married. William E. died in 1891, at Lake Geneva, Wis., leaving a widow and seven children. He enlisted for service in the Civil War as a private in Company E of the Thirty-seventh Massachusetts Regiment, with which he shared in many hard-fought battles, and was wounded in the last. When mustered out of service he had been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. He was a man of fine intellectual ability, an earnest Christian worker, and was associated at one time with D. L. Moody. For fourteen years he was connected with the Young Men's Christian Association, and was beloved and highly esteemed in the West. He served as State Secretary, and was at one time a member of the legislature. The next in order is Eunice Maria, the subject of this sketch. Martha M., the wife of Dr. C. B. King, of Belchertown, died in March, 1891, aged forty-nine years, leaving one son. Henry M. died when two and a half years old; and another child died in infancy. Their father's death occurred on September 26, 1885, at the age of seventy-seven years; and their mother died three years later, in the eighty-

first year of her age. They rest in the West Parish burial-ground in Ware.

Eunice Maria Lewis received a good common-school education, and prior to her marriage was successfully engaged in teaching. On September 13, 1866, she was united in marriage with Francis Blair. He was a man of superior business ability, and in addition to managing his farm, he devoted much time and attention to other business and to town affairs. He dealt quite largely in real estate and mortgages, and at his death left besides his farm the present large farm-house and barn erected by him in 1862. He was interested in the Otis Company, to whom he proved a valuable assistant. Though not a member of any church, his influence was always on the side of uprightness, integrity, and truth. In politics he was a loyal Republican, and for several years he was Selectman and Road Commissioner. After their marriage he and Mrs. Blair took up their residence in the house now occupied by her alone. She lost two infant daughters. A son and two daughters are living, namely: Lewis Monroe Blair, residing on the farm and conducting it, who has a wife and two sons; Mary Estella, who recently graduated from the Ware High School; and Alice Gertrude, fourteen years of age, who is now attending the high school. Mrs. Blair and her children are the last representatives of the family, with the exception of an uncle, Royal E. Blair, who resides in Springfield, Mass.

JONATHAN COWLS, a retired farmer of North Amherst, was born in that town, May 4, 1822, son of Jonathan and Esther (Graves) Cowls. Mr. Cowls's grandfather, David Cowls, was born August 11, 1741, and was one of six brothers, who settled in that part of the State. He was an

early settler in North Amherst, and cleared a good farm from the wilderness. He followed agriculture successfully, and died November 18, 1817. He was a prominent citizen of the town, honorable and upright in all his dealings, and was a leader of the church choir for many years. His wife, Sarah Eastman before marriage, was born in Hampshire County, January 28, 1744, daughter of J. Eastman. She became the mother of five children: David, Sally, Joseph, Silas, and Jonathan. She died August 14, 1815.

Jonathan Cowls, father of Mr. Cowls, was born in North Amherst, December 2, 1781. He succeeded to the possession of the homestead. He educated himself, studying nights by the light of a pine knot, and in his young manhood taught school. He became an extensive farmer, owning over three hundred acres of land, and was prominent in public affairs, being chairman of the Board of Selectmen for some years. He possessed sound judgment, and his advice was often in demand. He was a Congregationalist in religious belief and a liberal supporter of that church in North Amherst. Jonathan Cowls died at the old homestead in North Amherst, January 18, 1866. His wife, whose maiden name was Esther Graves, was a native of Sunderland, Mass., and became the mother of eight children, as follows: Justin, Erastus, Lois, Ira, and Esther, all of whom died young; Sarah, who married George Bridgman, and resides in Michigan; Ransom, a prosperous farmer of Amherst; and Jonathan, the subject of this sketch. The mother died June 20, 1868.

Jonathan Cowls grew to manhood at the Cowls homestead in North Amherst. He commenced his education in the schools of his native town, and completed his studies at Belchertown and Lee. He adopted agriculture as an occupation, residing with his parents

until their death, after which he took charge of the home farm, and conducted it successfully for many years. He was an extensive dealer in stock, and also devoted considerable attention to dairying. He carried on lumbering operations for several winters, and in all of his undertakings has displayed a commendable spirit of energy and perseverance. He retired from active labor in 1893, at which time he removed to his present residence. Mr. Cowls is independent in politics, and is a supporter of President Cleveland. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen, and has held other town offices.

On July 1, 1851, Mr. Cowls was united in marriage to Sarah M. Dickinson. She was born in Amherst, March 3, 1828, daughter of Walter and Lydia (Dickinson) Dickinson, both of whom were old residents of Amherst. Mr. and Mrs. Cowls have five children, namely: Walter D., born June 30, 1852, residing at the homestead; Newton E., born April 11, 1854, a farmer in California; Abbie Grace, born August 21, 1856, who died October 24, 1865; Sarah Janette, born December 17, 1858, married to Francis Frary, and residing in Minneapolis; and Nellie G., born December 31, 1866, married to Edwin Dickinson, and residing in North Amherst.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowls are members of the Congregational church, in which Mr. Cowls is an active worker and now Trustee.

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JAMES D. ATKINS, a venerable and honored resident of Florence, Mass., is living in pleasant retirement with his wife at their beautiful home, 18 Pine Street, excepting when they are travelling or sojourning for the winter in the sunny South, whither they are driven by the chilly mountain breezes that sweep across Western Massa-



JAMES D. ATKINS.



chusetts. He was born in Boston, February 17, 1817. His father, John Atkins, a native of Nova Scotia, born in 1795, was for many years a resident of that historic locality known as the North End, once inhabited by the leading families of Boston. John Atkins married Jane Dunn, of Maine, the daughter of a Commissary-general in the Revolutionary War, and reared nine children, five sons and four daughters. James D. and his brother John, Jr., late of Boston, now living with a daughter in Canada, are the only survivors of the family.

James D. Atkins received but a limited education in the public and private schools of his native city, being bound out at the age of seventeen years to learn stereotyping at the office of the University Press in Cambridge, Mass., where he worked eight years. When the constitution of the Florence community was being printed there in 1842, Mr. Atkins was favorably impressed by its resolutions, and decided at once to cast his lot with this energetic and enterprising people. Accordingly, before the close of that year he journeyed to Florence by way of Wilbraham. He was soon after engaged by the Northampton Educational Association to learn the dyer's trade of the Englishman then in charge of that department of the silk industry, they being desirous that a member of the community should fill the position. Mr. Atkins became a thorough master of that business, which was then in its incipiency here, and for two years managed it alone. After that he had to have assistants, the force being gradually increased from time to time. His pay was also advanced as his labors and responsibility became greater, so that during his last years of service he received an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars. He had always commanded good wages, and, when a

young man, would save up a hundred dollars or so, and then take a trip somewhere for pleasure or in the interest of his work, having thus been able to come to this place. The first hundred which he saved after coming here Mr. Atkins invested in stock in the silk company for which he was employed, afterward buying more, and was a Director in the works for several years, until selling out his stock in 1887.

On entering the factory to learn his trade, Mr. Atkins found many young women employed in the Nonotuck Silk Works; and the first of these to whom he was introduced was a winsome maiden, named Octavia Melvina Damon. Both were mutually attracted; and the acquaintance thus formed ripened into love, and culminated in the marriage of the young couple on September 13, 1844. Fifty years later, assisted by their children, grandchildren, kinsfolk, neighbors, and friends, they celebrated their golden wedding, about six hundred guests participating in the festivities of that happy occasion, and the Rev. Mr. Hinckley reading an original poem of fifty-four lines. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Atkins, the following being a brief record: George D., who is in charge of the Nonotuck Silk office in Boston, married Carrie Eaton, of Chaplin, Conn., and they have one son and two daughters. Effie D. is the wife of George A. Willey, for many years a teacher, but now agent of the new Old South Church property in Boston; they are the parents of two sons and a daughter. Frederick T., a dyer in the silk works, residing next door to his parents, married Lillian Graves, of this place; and they have two daughters.

In 1846 Mr. Atkins purchased his present home estate, giving one hundred dollars for the two acres, and soon after erected a modest

cottage, which has since been enlarged and improved. It is situated in the centre of a large and finely shaded lawn, his lot being about three hundred feet front, and extending from street to street, the house being back from the dust and din of the roadway. In politics Mr. Atkins was for many years identified with the Republican party, but of late has voted independently, and has always steadfastly refused all official honors. Socially, he is a Mason of thirty-four years' standing, belonging to Jerusalem Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Northampton.

On another page of the present volume is given a portrait of this veteran artificer, whose many years of diligent and skilful application entitle him to rank among the "captains of industry."

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**J**OHN MANLEY TURNER, general agent of the Equitable Life Assurance Society and a resident of Northampton since 1866, was born April 22, 1829, in Mansfield, Conn., son of Benjamin and Desire (Calkins) Turner.

Mr. Turner is of Puritan ancestry, being a lineal descendant of John M. Turner, one of the courageous band that landed on Plymouth Rock from the historic "Mayflower" in 1620. He did not survive the rigors of the first New England winter he experienced, but died before spring, leaving three sons, one of whom was the progenitor of the subject of this sketch. The paternal great-grandfather of Mr. Turner was Seth Turner. His son, Prince Turner, was a well-known resident of Mansfield, Conn., being an innkeeper on the old turnpike for many years. He married, and reared two children, Benjamin and Eunice Turner. Eunice lived about sixty-eight years. Prince Turner died quite suddenly at the age of fifty-six years. His widow sur-

vived him, dying at the age of seventy-seven years.

Benjamin Turner was a well-to-do farmer, and also carried on an extensive wholesale and retail mercantile business. He resided in Mansfield, and was a shrewd business man. His wife was a daughter of James and Betsey (Dunham) Calkins, and their wedding was celebrated in 1803. She was of Scotch antecedents, her grandfather, the Rev. James Calkins, having emigrated from Scotland, the country of his birth, to Connecticut, where he was put in charge of the Presbyterian church of Willington. Her parents were lifelong residents of Willington, both living to good old age, and leaving two sons and two daughters.

John Manley Turner was a regular attendant at the district school until thirteen years of age, when he was placed under the instruction of Dr. William H. Richardson, with whom he studied six years. When seventeen years old, before completing his education, he taught school for three terms, at the same time pursuing his studies. At the age of twenty he was appointed assistant superintendent of schools with the Rev. A. R. Livermore in his native town, holding that office and still studying and teaching by turns. He was subsequently appointed the first Selectman of the town. He afterward taught in the graded school at Tolland, Conn., finally going to Rockville in 1855 as principal of the high school, and having the charge of all the schools. He retained this position eleven years, during which he acquired a high reputation as an educator. He looks back upon that period now as the most useful decade of his life. While in Rockville, he was clerk of the First Congregational Church and superintendent of the Sunday-school; and he became an honorary life member of the For-

eign Missionary Society. He was noted in educational circles, and for several years was Vice-President of the State Teachers' Association. In 1868 Mr. Turner established the firm of Turner, Walker & Co. in the general insurance business, which was carried on until 1876, when Mr. Turner retired. The following year Mr. Turner became general agent for the Equitable Life Assurance Society. He is also a large dealer in real estate, making, without doubt, some of the heaviest sales in that line ever made in this county. He has accumulated a fine property, and owns in Glenwood, Volusia County, Fla., an orange grove that produces three thousand boxes of oranges a year.

Mr. Turner was united in marriage at South Glastonbury, Conn., in 1850 to Elizabeth L. Sanders, who died in 1880. The only child born of their union was a daughter, Lizzie M., who became the wife of Gilbert A. Christie, and died childless January 8, 1892. Mr. Turner is a Master Mason, and is an esteemed member of the First Congregational Church.

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**W**OLCOTT HAMLIN, one of the oldest lawyers in Amherst, who was connected with the political centre at Washington during one of the most stirring epochs of the country's history, was born in Livermore, Me., November 4, 1823, son of Isaac and Mary (Wolcott) Hamlin, the former a native of Harvard, Mass., the latter of Bolton. His grandfather, Major Eleazer Hamlin, who also was a native of Massachusetts, was an early settler on Cape Cod. He was an officer in the Revolutionary army, and received for his services grants of land in Ohio and Maine. His last years were spent in Westford, Mass., where he now lies buried. Major Hamlin was a man of considerable force

of character, a prominent citizen wherever he made his home. He was three times married, and reared a large family, all of whom have passed away.

His son, Isaac Hamlin, grew to manhood in Harvard, Mass., early becoming familiar with agriculture, and adopting farming for his occupation. The greater part of his life was spent in Livermore, Me., where he was a prominent man. His last days were passed in Dover, N.H.; and there he breathed his last when eighty years of age. In politics Mr. Hamlin was a Whig. In religious belief he followed the teachings of the Baptist church. Mrs. Hamlin, who lived to be seventy-six years old, also spent her last days in Dover, N.H. They had a large family, one of whom died in infancy. Eight children attained maturity; namely, Isaac Green, Samuel B., Hannibal, Henry H., Mary, Lorinda, Augusta, and Wolcott.

Wolcott Hamlin, the subject of this sketch, was the youngest child of the family. He was reared on his father's farm in Livermore, Me., attending the district schools in boyhood, and finishing his education at Kent's Hill Seminary. He taught school for a while, and also engaged in other occupations. After spending some time in Boston, he went to Andover, N.H. In this place he was engaged in mercantile business for some years. He then took up the study of law, reading under Samuel Butterfield, and was admitted to the bar of New Hampshire in 1852. In 1856 he removed to Dover, N.H., and was there appointed Solicitor for Strafford County, his term of service to be five years. Just before its expiration he resigned, and in 1861 went to Washington, D.C., where for nine years he was engrossing clerk of the Senate. In the mean time he was elected Representative from the city of Dover, N.H., to the

national legislature, and served in 1866 and 1867. In 1870 he was made Supervisor of Internal Revenue for the States of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, and filled the office until 1872, when the district was abolished. In the fall of that year he invested in a large tract of timber land in Connecticut, and for six years was engaged in lumbering; and in 1878 he moved to Amherst, and erected a large building for one of the college societies. In 1880 Mr. Hamlin again took up the work of his profession, and up to the present time has been actively engaged in legal practice.

On July 3, 1845, Mr. Hamlin was united in marriage with Miss Susan Westman, the ceremony taking place in Boston. Miss Westman, who was a daughter of Peter Westman, of Bath, Me., was born in the latter place, May 1, 1821. Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin had a family of nine children, of whom the following are living: Edward F., who resides in Boston; Emma A., wife of Dr. Danforth, of New York City; John, a lawyer in Thompsonville, Conn.; Mary, wife of Thomas Wood, of Utica, N.Y.; Frederick W., a physician in New York City; and Arthur W., who resides in Amherst.

In politics Mr. Hamlin favors the principles of the Prohibitionists. He and his wife are members of the First Congregational Church, of which he has been Deacon, and is now Treasurer. Mr. Hamlin's career has been an eventful one. Engrossing clerk of the Senate during Lincoln's administration, when his distinguished relative, Hannibal Hamlin, was Vice-President, he was in close touch with the pulse of the nation during the Civil War. He was in Washington at the time of the assassination of President Lincoln and the attempted murder of Secretary Seward, and his two years in the House of Repre-

sentatives were respectively signalized by the laying of the first Atlantic cable and the purchase of Russian America by the United States.

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 CHARLES N. HARLOW, senior member of the firm of C. N. Harlow & Co., of Northampton, Mass., well-known contractors and builders, is a native of Cummington, Hampshire County, born May 13, 1836, son of Charles and Orissa (Mason) Harlow and grandson of Matthew Harlow, born in Abington, Mass., in the year 1770.

Matthew Harlow, having been reared in Abington, removed to Cummington, where he bought land, and became quite an extensive farmer. He was twice married. His first union was with Rachel Thompson, who died comparatively young, leaving him four children; namely, Matthew, Hattie, Hannah, and Lydia. He afterward married Persis Parker, widow of Benjamin Parker, and who had two children, Jacob and Benjamin Parker. Of this second union five children were born; namely, Charles, father of the subject of this sketch, Rachel, Asa, William, and Joseph, all of whom are now deceased. Grandfather Harlow died in 1842, having outlived both of his wives, who had passed away on the Cummington homestead.

Charles Harlow, born in Cummington in the year 1817, spent his early years on his father's farm. When old enough, he learned the tanner's trade of William Hubbard. In 1841 he removed with his family to Amherst, Me., where he worked at his trade as an employee for five years. He was afterward in business for himself for two years in tanning in Murival, Me., remaining there until he was burned out by a fire that was caused by lightning. In 1848 he returned to the place of his nativity, and, purchasing the William

Hubbard farm, containing five hundred and twelve acres, engaged in the manufacture of lumber, using the mill on his farm for manufacturing purposes. He also undertook bridge building, and erected thirty of the bridges that cross the Westfield River. Another of his enterprises was a barrel factory, which supplied the Berkshire Glass Works with barrels. He was an important factor in the industrial interests of Cummington, was esteemed for his business capacity and good judgment, and served the town as Selectman for ten years. In 1835 he was united in marriage to Orissa Mason, who was born in Cummington in 1819, being the daughter of Jesse Mason, another pioneer farmer and lifelong resident of Cummington. She had been a schoolmate of the Hon. Henry L. Dawes and of the beloved poet, William Cullen Bryant. Eight children were born to them, of whom a son died in infancy; and a daughter, Sarah J., died when twenty-one years old. Those living are as follows: Charles N., of this sketch; George W.; Ozro F.; Orrissa I., wife of F. E. Brown; Persis O., wife of Charles O. Gloyd; and Willis E. All are residents of this city. The brothers, who have inherited the mechanical ability of their father, are in the building business. Neither of the parents is living, the mother having passed away in 1881 and the father in 1886.

Charles N. Harlow received a substantial common-school education, attending the district schools in Amherst, Me., and in Cummington, Mass. He early turned his attention to mechanical occupations, working with his father until he came of age. Then he went to Detroit, Me., where he made and stamped leather for the F. Shaw Brothers and for the Detroit and Plymouth tanners. In 1859 he went to Roxton Falls, Canada East, and conducted a tannery for F. Shaw & Brothers for

three years. He went west in 1866 to Hebron, Ill., where he had charge of a busy dairy farm until 1868, when he returned to Cummington. Soon after he purchased the old store of Elisha Mitchell in West Cummington, and ran it for eight years. He then went to Northampton, forming a copartnership with his brother George; and they have since built up a business as flourishing as any in the city. In 1881 the firm purchased their present establishment. Mr. Harlow bought his residence in 1888, having previously paid rent for it for seven years. In politics he is identified with the Republican party, but has little time for official work. He was elected to the Common Council in 1888, but resigned after serving nine months. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being a Knight Templar.

Mr. Harlow was married March 14, 1860, to Lovina S. Howes, a daughter of Henry and Lucy Ann (Simons) Howes. Mrs. Howes died in July, 1887, aged sixty-seven years, and Mr. Howes April 28, 1889, in the seventy-sixth year of his age, leaving seven of their ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Harlow five children were born, one of whom, Linus E., died when two years of age. The others are as follows: Lillian L., residing at home, engaged in the millinery business; Charles N., Jr., a salesman in Springfield, married to Lila A. Hannah; Emma P., wife of Alfred B. Montville, a travelling salesman of Northampton, having two daughters; and Henry Howes, a carpenter, a promising young man of nineteen years.



GEORGE W. HARLOW, carpenter, contractor, and builder, of the firm of C. N. Harlow & Co., Northampton, was born during the residence of his par-

ents, Charles and Orissa (Mason) Harlow, in Maine, his birth occurring in the town of Amherst, September 5, 1842. (A fuller account of the family is given in the sketch of Charles N. Harlow on another page.)

Mr. Harlow was educated in the common schools. His native mechanical talent was developed while working with his father when a young man. He remained beneath the parental roof until some time after the breaking out of the Civil War, when, in August, 1863, he enlisted in defence of the Union. He joined Company C, Fifty-second Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and served one year, during which he was at the forefront in several hard-fought battles. At the time of his enlistment he was a strong and rugged man, five feet eleven inches in height, weighing one hundred and eighty-four pounds. After the battle at Franklin, from lying out at night in the rain he took a severe cold, which resulted in a serious lung trouble and diarrhoea. In the course of the three following weeks Mr. Harlow lost sixty-three pounds in weight, yet he rejoined his regiment in season for the siege at Port Hudson. He was, however, disabled from further service, and took no part in that action. Finally one of his lungs was pronounced "entirely gone"; and he was sent home, supposedly to die. He returned to his father's house on July 19, 1864, a mere wreck of what he was when he left it less than twelve months before. His grand constitution, however, and his strong determination to live enabled him to recuperate and after a while to resume his former occupation. Since 1881 Mr. Harlow, in company with his brother, has been in business at his present stand.

On September 28, 1865, the ceremony uniting Mary Louise Kneeland and George W. Harlow in the bonds of matrimony was performed. Mrs. Harlow is a native of

Northampton, born September 25, 1842, a daughter of Isaac Newton and Frances N. (Strong) Kneeland. Her maternal grandfather, Seth Strong, was one of the early settlers of Northampton, coming here at a time when wild turkeys and other game were plentiful and the site of the present city was a part of the favorite hunting-ground of the dusky savage. He was a mason by trade, had much inventive genius, and was a lineal descendant of Governor Strong, of Colonial fame. He and his wife reared two children of the four born to them; namely, Frances N. (Mrs. Harlow's mother) and Harriet. He lived to the age of eighty-nine years, dying in 1879. In the public library of the town is a history of the Strong family, which dates back five generations; and there are also two valuable historical works relating to this locality, published by Frederick N. Kneeland. Mrs. Harlow's father was very prominent and well-to-do. He made a good deal of money from machinery which he invented for the manufacture of paper and of ink. The latter is now used by the government. He had an income of fourteen hundred dollars per month, but never hoarded it, being generous to a fault. His brother Joseph married Harriet, another daughter of Seth Strong. Isaac N. Kneeland was born April 1, 1820, and died April 4, 1860, just as he was to be appointed government printer. His widow is still living in Northampton, an active and bright woman of seventy-two years. She has buried four of the seven children born to her, namely: Emily Jane, who died in 1847; Charles, in 1850; Lillian, in 1857; and Anna Isabelle, in 1863. The three who are living are: Mrs. Harlow; Frederick Newton, Cashier of the First National Bank; and Hattie Josephine, residing at Paradise Road with her mother and brother.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Harlow has been blessed by the birth of six children, as follows: Sarah Gertrude, wife of Charles H. Warren, of Roxbury, Mass., who has one son and two daughters; George F., who graduated from the high school in 1889, and is book-keeper for C. N. Felts; Arthur Bradford, a salesman for the Banister Company; Annie Mabel, a student in the high school; Grace Evelyn, a pupil in the grammar school; and Ralph Eugene, a school-boy of eleven years. Mr. Harlow and his family occupy 13 Monroe Street, a pleasant and conveniently arranged house, which he built in the summer of 1895. He is a Master Mason, having been Junior Deacon of his Lodge, and belongs to the William L. Baker Post, No. 86, Grand Army of the Republic, being Sergeant-major of the post. In politics he is a Republican; and he attends the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Harlow is an esteemed and active member.

**S**AMUEL B. DICKINSON occupies the farm in Granby on which his birth occurred June 1, 1844. He is a descendant of a well-known family of this place. His parents, Eli and Hermione (Barton) Dickinson, were lifelong residents of the town. His father carried on general farming until his death, in September, 1867. His mother survived her husband, dying on the old homestead in 1870. Of the five children born to them three are deceased; namely, Mary, Julia, and Caroline. The two living are: Samuel B., the subject of this sketch; and Caroline, wife of William Lincoln, of Warren, Mass.

Samuel B. Dickinson acquired his education in the schools of the town. At the age of eighteen years, fired with patriotic enthusiasm, he enlisted in Company H, Fifty-second

Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, under command of Colonel Greenleaf, and shared the fortunes of that regiment for a time in the Civil War. Soon after the engagement at Indian Bend he was taken sick, and in consequence was sent to Brashear City, La., then to New Orleans, and finally to his home. On August 14, 1863, he was honorably discharged from the service. Returned to the parental homestead, Mr. Dickinson assisted his father in cultivating the farm, thereby acquiring experience that was of inestimable value to him in after years. When his father died, he assumed the entire management of the property, which then contained one hundred and fifty acres of good land.

On December 7, 1865, Mr. Dickinson was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Nash, a native of Hadley and a daughter of Lorenzo and Pamelia Nash. The father was a native of Hadley, and spent his early life there; while the mother was a native of Granby. The home life of Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson has been cheered by the birth of three children, as follows: Henry N., a resident of Jamaica Plain, Mass., married to Julia Kimball; Samuel R. and Carrie L., at home with their parents. In politics Mr. Dickinson is a Republican. He served his town as Selectman in the years of 1887 and 1888, and again in the four consecutive years from 1891 to 1895. He belongs to the Charles C. Smith Post, No. 183, Grand Army of the Republic, of South Hadley Falls. Both he and Mrs. Dickinson are members of the Congregational church.

**T**HOMAS GILFILLAN, M.D., a successful and well-known physician of Northampton, Mass., was born in Milton, N.Y., near Ballston Spa, on January 4, 1829. His father, Moses Gilfillan, who was

born in Scotland about the year 1798, was growing from youth to manhood during the hard times that were felt in manufacturing districts in England and Scotland shortly after the close of the Napoleonic wars, and which gave rise to secret combinations and assemblies for the voicing of grievances and rights. He, with others who had caught some of the spirit of the French Revolution, became involved in a conspiracy to overthrow the existing government of Great Britain. The plot was discovered before it was mature; and young Gilfillan, who was one of the leaders, was obliged to conceal himself to escape arrest and punishment. In 1820, after being in hiding for two years, he succeeded in embarking as a common sailor and coming to America.

By trade he was a weaver of Scotch linens; and he followed his vocation in this country, having at one time a factory with hand-looms in Schenectady, N.Y., where he was engaged in weaving counterpanes and carpets, but during the panic of 1837 he was financially ruined. He saved only a dollar and a half, which he divided with his family; and, leaving his wife and five children, the eldest but seven years of age, to face alone the sufferings of want, with the remaining seventy-five cents he made the trip from Schenectady to Agawam, Mass., a distance of about one hundred and fifty miles, on foot in midwinter. He afterward removed his family to Agawam, thence to Palmer, and in 1838 to Northampton. Here they remained until 1848, when they went to Rockville, Conn., where he died in 1859. His wife and her three daughters then returned to Northampton. Mrs. Moses Gilfillan, who was a woman of great energy of character and much physical endurance, died in this city in 1884. She and her husband were Orthodox Christians and members of the First Congregational Church in Northampton.

Their remains rest in the Northampton cemetery.

Their son James, who was a graduate of Williams College, was an editor of the Rockville *Republican* when the father died. Later he became a law student in the office of Congressman and Judge Loomis; and in 1860 he entered the United States Treasury Department at Washington, with which he was connected for twenty-one years. While employed as Assistant Treasurer, he was an important witness against the Whiskey Ring of St. Louis, and was rewarded for his courage and honesty by promotion to the position of Treasurer under Ulysses S. Grant. The three daughters, who were graduates of Mount Holyoke Seminary, were able teachers here and in the South; and two of them were teaching at Fort Gibson, Miss., when the war broke out, and they were obliged to leave the State.

Thomas Gilfillan is a graduate of Williams College and also of the Pittsfield Medical School, where he completed the course in 1855. He has since been continuously engaged in the duties of his profession. In October, 1862, he enlisted in the Forty-sixth Massachusetts Regiment, being appointed Assistant Surgeon to Dr. Waterman, of Westfield, and served nine months. After that he re-enlisted in the Fifty-ninth Massachusetts Regiment, in which he served a year, receiving his honorable discharge in September, 1864. In addition to his regular practice, in which he has been very successful, a few years ago he established at his home a gold cure for the treatment of inebriates.

On January 1, 1865, Dr. Gilfillan was united in marriage with Miss Julia M. Bradley, a daughter of Zenas H. Bradley, of Cummington, Mass. Their union has been blessed by the birth of four children, of whom one died in infancy. The living are: James,





SILAS G. HUBBARD.

a book-keeper for the Belding Silk Mills, who is married, and has one son; Rose M., who is attending the high school, and is a young lady of musical talent and a promising student; and Donald R., a youth of fifteen, who is also a pupil of the high school. Dr. Gilfillan is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society; and he is also a comrade of William L. Baker Post, No. 86, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is Surgeon.



**M**R. RHODA W. HUBBARD, daughter of Justin and Dolly W. (Waite) Hastings, was born in Hatfield, here grew to womanhood and spent her married life of thirty-three years, and here continues to reside since the death of her husband, Silas G. Hubbard, on June 14, 1890. She is a highly intelligent and estimable lady, possessing the esteem and good will of her neighbors, and occupying a pleasant home. Her grandparents were John and Sybil (Dickinson) Hastings, the former of whom was a practising physician and a real estate owner of Hatfield. Dr. Hastings and his wife both lived to an advanced age. Their children were: Chester; Mary; Sophia; and Justin, the father of Mrs. Hubbard.

Justin Hastings, who was born in Hatfield, January 23, 1800, settled upon the farm which is now occupied by J. Breor, and conducted general farming with success. He died at the age of eighty-four years. His wife, Dolly W. Waite, was born January 24, 1801, and became the mother of three children, as follows: Harriet H., who was born November 1, 1825, married T. Bagg, and died November 28, 1874; Rhoda W.; and Ellen M., born November 5, 1831, who married Dexter Frary, and died October 9, 1852. The mother died at the age of seventy-nine.

The Hubbard family of Hatfield are descendants of John Hubbard, who accompanied his father from England, and settled in Connecticut. Silas G. Hubbard was born on the old Hatfield homestead in 1831, and was a son of John and Clarissa (Clapp) Hubbard. He attended the schools of Hatfield, and completed his education at the Easthampton Academy. He assisted his father in conducting the farm, and resided at the old homestead until the death of his parents, after which he engaged in farming upon his own account, also devoting a considerable time to surveying. In 1860 Mr. Hubbard purchased the John Smith property on Main Street, which includes a handsome brick residence and eleven acres of land; and he also became the owner of other valuable real estate. He was an extensive farmer and one of the largest tobacco growers upon the flats. For some years he was President of the Connecticut Valley Tobacco Growers' Association, and was very active in that capacity. The marriage of Silas G. Hubbard and Rhoda W. Hastings took place on April 16, 1851.

Mr. Hubbard was a Republican in politics, and served with ability in various positions of public trust, being a Selectman for several years, also School Commissioner and Town Treasurer, and in 1857 representing his district in the legislature. He was Treasurer of Smith Academy, and for twenty years a Director of the First National Bank of Northampton and its predecessor, the Holyoke Bank. In religion he was a Congregationalist and a very active member of that church.

Friends and acquaintances of Mr. Hubbard will recognize his features in the faithful portrait on the opposite page. What manner of man he was and the estimation in which he was held in the county where he was widely known, being for some years the Hatfield cor-

respondent of the Hampshire *Gazette*, was well voiced by the local press, from which we quote the following, speaking of him first as a writer:—

"In this capacity he displayed rare good taste, excellent judgment, and varied intelligence. He was always ready on all questions, whether of current news, which he presented in an acceptable manner, never offending any one, in the history of his town, in which he was especially well informed, better, probably, than any other man of his time, or on questions of a broader scope, having a national interest and importance. He was greatly interested in the celebration held last fall (1889) of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, and prepared the principal historical address of the occasion, visiting Boston and other places to search for ancient material, which he presented in a paper of rare value and great historical interest. Considering the limited opportunities he had for education and development, being confined to the labors of the farm nearly all his life, he was indeed a man of remarkable research and breadth of mind. He was a great reader and a close student, and his mind was well stored with information covering a wide range of subjects. He looked to causes as well as to effects, and was never satisfied until he knew the beginning as well as the end, the why and the wherefore as well as the final results. He was a man of high moral and religious principle."

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**H**ENRY A. CROSBY, a farmer and milk dealer of Northampton, was born in Williamsburg in 1844, son of Benjamin Franklin and Parthena (Bradford) Crosby.

Joshua K. Crosby, the grandfather of Henry A. Crosby, was a native of Enfield, Mass.,

and a son of the Rev. Joshua Crosby, who served in the Revolutionary War, and later as chaplain in the War of 1812. Joshua K. Crosby, who was a tiller of the soil and an enterprising citizen of Enfield, married Miss Minnie Sears, of Williamsburg. They reared two of the three sons born to them, namely: Joshua, a successful agriculturist of Searsville, in the town of Williamsburg; and Benjamin F., who was born in Enfield in 1820. The latter married in 1842, and he and his wife reared three children. Two are now living: Henry A.; and Ella, the wife of Nathan Abbott, of North Farms. Their mother died in 1852, when but thirty-six years of age. The father, who is still living, resides at North Farms with his daughter's family.

Henry A. Crosby acquired his education in the Williamsburg common school. In 1877 he came to Northampton, and purchased from Charles Sanderson his present farm. It contains about sixty-eight acres of land. Besides his farming, he keeps a dairy of choice cows, the milk of which he sells to the people of Leeds.

He was married March 15, 1870, to Miss Mary C. Allen, a native of Dorchester, Mass. She is a daughter of Bennett and Cordelia (Warner) Allen, who now reside in Florence, to which they moved from Goshen, Mass. Her father is a successful carpenter and building contractor. He and his wife reared seven children; and all are now living except Clara M., who died, thirty years of age. Those living are: Charles T. Allen, of Manchester, N.H.; Mary C.; Flora I., the wife of G. N. Baker, of Florence; Lizzie E., who is unmarried, and resides at home; Lucy L., who married C. B. Tower; and Harriet B., the wife of Lynn Porter, of Florence. Mrs. Crosby's paternal grandfather was Amzi Allen, who was born in Connecticut, but spent his life

mostly in West Springfield and Florence, Mass. He was twice married, and had twelve children by the two unions, of whom nine grew to maturity, and six are now living. They are as follows: Hiram Allen, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Robert Allen, who resides in Washington, D.C., and is paymaster in the navy; Frederick, living in Manchester, N.H.; Mrs. George Readio, a widow, living in Florence; Mrs. William Currier, also of Florence; and Bennett, the father of Mrs. Crosby. Mrs. Crosby has borne her husband three children, namely: Flora Maud, eighteen years old, who is a graduate of the Springfield Business College, and is living with her parents; Earle Bennett, a lad of seven years; and Frank Ashley. Mr. Crosby is a Republican. He has served acceptably as Councilman. He is connected with various fraternal organizations, among which may be mentioned the A. F. & A. M., the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Northampton Grange, and the Knights of Honor.

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MRS. MARIA S. MEEKINS, of Williamsburg, widow of the late Dr. Thomas Meekins and a woman of superior intelligence, was born in Chesterfield, Mass., in the year 1846, a daughter of Spencer and Polly (Abels) Goodman.

Spencer Goodman's birth occurred in Hadley. A ferry owned by his father was then the only means of crossing the Connecticut River at that point. This was tended by him for several years. Though the work had its pleasant features, it was a trying position, as he was often kept employed all night. Tiring of this occupation, he removed to Chesterfield, where he purchased a farm, on which he lived for several years. He then sold out, and bought another farm in Hadley.

He sold this also, and purchased land in Williamsburg. Here he died, eighty-seven years of age. In politics he was a Democrat and in religious belief a Baptist. His wife reared two sons and two daughters; namely, Maria S., Stephen K., D. Alonzo, and Wealthy C. She lived to the age of eighty years.

Maria S. Goodman, the eldest-born, lived at home until her marriage with Dr. Thomas Meekins. He was born in the town of Williamsburg, and was a son of Stephen and Sarah (Hicox) Meekins and a grandson of Thomas and Hannah (Carey) Meekins. His great-grandfather, Thomas Meekins, came to this country from England, and settled in Hatfield, where he became a large land-owner and a prominent citizen, and was subsequently killed by Indians. Thomas Meekins (second) was born in Hatfield, from which place he came to Williamsburg, then but thinly settled, and where land was extremely cheap. He first purchased one hundred acres, for which he paid eight cents per acre; and, when he had this cleared, he purchased more. This land is now in the possession of his descendants. He made sundry improvements, among which was the erection of frame buildings. He met with much prosperity, and died at the age of eighty-five years. His wife's decease occurred when she was sixty years old. His son Stephen, who was born in Williamsburg, assisted his father in clearing the land; and after the latter's death he followed his father's policy of buying more as fast as the clearing progressed. He also reared large numbers of sheep and cattle, and was the largest stock-raiser in that vicinity. He died at the age of threescore years and ten. His wife, who before marriage was Sarah Hicox, bore him ten children, of whom six grew to maturity. Two died in infancy,

and the others were: Hannah, Louis, Theodosia, Thomas, Christopher, Stephen, Irene, and John. The mother was over seventy years of age at the time of her death.

Thomas Meekins chose for his profession the practice of medicine, and became a skilled physician and surgeon. He was one of the first doctors to locate in the town of Williamsburg, where he acquired a large and remunerative practice. He was a man of broad liberality, and was very highly esteemed by all who knew him. He took a keen interest in his town, and was ever ready to lend the weight of his influence to any worthy enterprise looking to its improvement. His death, August 5, 1880, was a loss to the community as well as to his large circle of friends and acquaintances.

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**E**DWARD A. ALLEN, a prominent merchant of Huntington, was born in Dalton, Mass., August 1, 1847, son of Henry M. and Electa C. (Davis) Allen. Mr. Allen's father was a native of Cummington, Mass., where he grew to manhood. Later he moved to Dalton, where he followed agriculture as an occupation. On March 21, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company B, Nineteenth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and served through the Civil War, receiving his discharge from the service in 1865. He died in Chester, Mass. His wife was the mother of four children, as follows: Fidelia, whose husband, Albert A. Griswold, of Dalton, was killed at the siege of Port Hudson, and who died, leaving one son, Frank A., who married Lucy Herring, and resides in Holyoke; Caroline C., who married Dr. Loomis, a practising physician of Springfield, Mass.; George H., who married Ellen Pendleton, and is engaged in farming in Russell, having

one son, named George; and Edward A., the subject of this sketch.

Edward A. Allen commenced life for himself at the age of fifteen, when he came to Huntington, and was employed in a bedstead manufactory for eighteen months. He then worked in the paper-mill for a year, after which he was employed by S. T. Lyman in the hardware business for nine years. While here, he learned the trade of a tinner. In 1872 Mr. Allen established himself in business at his present store, and has since conducted a successful trade in hardware, tinware, ranges, etc., besides doing considerable work as a practical plumber. For the past six years he has also been engaged in the undertaking business, and later he made an investment in real estate located in Huntington that promises a satisfactory return. He is an energetic and able business man, and his enterprise has met with merited success.

Mr. Allen is an active supporter of the Republican party. He is Deputy Sheriff for Hampshire and Hampden Counties, and has been Constable for several years. He has been a Trustee of the Whiting Street Fund for the past six years. In Masonry he has advanced to the Commandery, and he is a member in good standing of the Red Men and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On May 15, 1865, Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Josepha M. Stanton, who was born in Huntington, September 29, 1846, daughter of Joseph Stanton, Jr., a prosperous farmer of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have two children, namely: Harry Edward, who was born February 24, 1874; and Grace S., who was born February 9, 1879. Both parents are members of the Baptist congregation, and are actively interested in church work.





BRUNO F. RUDER.

BRUNO F. RUDER was a native of Saxony, Germany, born June 26, 1848; but from 1863 until the time of his decease, April 17, 1895, he was a respected resident of Northampton, Mass. He was a son of John Frederick and Caroline (Papp) Ruder, both natives of Saxony. The father was a locksmith by trade, following it uninterruptedly through the years of his activity, which were comparatively few, his death occurring when only thirty-three years old. His widow subsequently emigrated to America, coming hither at the instigation of Robert Ruder, who had settled in Holyoke prior to that time.

Bruno began earning his own living as soon as he came to this country, having learned the trade of a tool-maker and locksmith while in the Fatherland, being thus enabled to secure a position in the machine shop of the Arms Pocket-book Manufacturing Company, with whom he worked industriously for several years. In 1870, having saved some money, he married Katharina C. Chandler, a native of Northampton, a daughter of Pomeroy Chandler. Soon after their union Mr. and Mrs. Ruder opened a restaurant at 46 King Street, which proved attractive to the public; and in the course of a few years they built up an extensive and remunerative business. In 1872 he bought the restaurant and the lot on which it is situated; and some years later, in 1885, he purchased his fine residence property at 378 Elm Street, and built the commodious house in which he lived until his death, and which his widow and her family still occupy. Mr. Ruder was an energetic, capable, and honest man of business, highly esteemed by all with whom he came in contact, and quite active in social life, being an official member and Trustee of Steuben Lodge, D. O. H., and one of the founders of the Independent Club

of Northampton, which at one time had a very large membership of Germans.

Seven children were born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ruder, two of whom, Nellie and Frederick, each died when fifteen months old. The record of the five living is as follows: Emma S. is the wife of Evon F. Huebler, of Northampton; Annie M., a young lady, at home; Louis F., a promising young man of nineteen years, now studying pharmacy; Sidonia, sixteen years old; and Caroline, twelve years of age. These children constitute a bright and intelligent family, and have inherited in a marked degree the musical talent of their father.

Evon F. Huebler, the husband of the eldest daughter, was born in Saxony, Germany, and came here with his mother when a child of three years, in 1867, joining his father, Frank Huebler, who had emigrated to this country the previous year. He is the eldest of seven living children born to his parents, who have buried five children, two having died in Germany and three in this country. Mr. Huebler attended the district school until twelve years old, when he began the battle of life as a clerk in a grocery store, remaining one year. He then became a printer's devil in the office of the Hartford *Daily Times*, where during his seven years' apprenticeship he served as compositor much of the time, occasionally acting as foreman. On arriving at years of maturity, Mr. Huebler formed a partnership with John H. Van Keuren, under the firm name of Van Keuren & Huebler, and started the Wethersfield *Weekly Farmer*, which they published for a year and a half. Then, in company with several others, he organized a stock company for publishing the Winsted *Daily Evening Citizen*, and was engaged as business manager and general superintendent of the company until October, 1894, when he

came to Northampton, where he now resides. He is still a stockholder in the company, which is well established, the stock being valued at fifteen thousand dollars. His happy union with Miss Emma Ruder was solemnized on March 28, 1894.

A lifelike portrait of Mr. Bruno F. Ruder is herewith presented.

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**D**ANIEL W. DICKINSON, who since 1889 has been successfully engaged in the wholesale meat and provision business in Amherst, Mass., where he is a highly respected citizen, was born in South Amherst, December 6, 1851, son of Waitstill and Mercy J. Dickinson, both of whom were natives of Amherst.

His grandparents on both sides were among the early residents of that town; and in many respects the history of their lives is somewhat similar, as both were leading farmers, Captains in the State militia, and prominent in town affairs. His maternal grandfather, Enos Dickinson, was sent as a Representative to the State legislature in 1836; and Oliver Dickinson, his paternal grandfather, also acted as a Representative. The latter died in Amherst, at seventy-one years of age. Enos Dickinson's death occurred at eighty-three years of age. The latter took a prominent part in religious movements, and was a member of the Congregational church. In politics he was a Whig.

Waitstill Dickinson, who was born March 19, 1814, was a lifelong resident of Amherst. For many years he was a merchant and Postmaster in South Amherst, where he kept a general store, and did a successful business as long as his health permitted. When that failed, he was obliged to give up his business at a heavy loss. He was an attendant of the

Congregational church, and in political contests he cast his vote with the Republican party. In 1849 he was sent as a Representative to the State legislature; and he served his town as Selectman for seven years, as Assessor for five years, and was also a member of the School Committee. He was married on April 20, 1837, to Miss Mercy J. Dickinson, who was born April 7, 1816. They had eleven children, who, with the exception of one, reached maturity. Eight are now living; namely, Joanna T., Henry C., Dwight E., Lucy M., Daniel W., George W., Sidney O., and Robert M. The others are: Lyman E., who died when three years old; Edward M., who lived to be thirty-five years of age; and Julia L., who died at twenty-three years of age. Mr. Dickinson died on March 10, 1884; and she is now living with her son, Daniel W. Dickinson.

Daniel W. Dickinson acquired a good practical education in the schools of Amherst. He began to assist his father in the store when a mere boy, and continued with him until shortly after his marriage. He then moved to Rocky Hill, Conn., where he started a general store for himself, and during the succeeding ten years did a successful business. He then went to Meriden, and thence to Hartford, Conn., remaining in the latter place about four years. While there, he was engaged as a commercial traveller, and carried a line of wholesale flour and provisions. In 1887 he came to Amherst, and purchased the old Lieutenant Dickinson farm, on which he now resides. It contains forty acres of land. In addition to cultivating this, he conducts a wholesale meat and provision business, in which he has been successfully engaged for the past six years.

His marriage with Miss Jennie Prince was performed May 20, 1873. She was a daugh-

ter of George H. Prince, who was born in Amherst on December 12, 1827, and a granddaughter of Asael Moody and Mahala (Arnold) Prince, the former of whom was born in New York State, and the latter on August 30, 1797, in Belchertown, Mass. Her grandfather came to Hampshire County when but seven years of age, and from that time Amherst became his home. He chose the occupation of an agriculturist, in which he was quite successful, and became one of the leading farmers of the town. He was also active in religious work as a member of the Congregational church. In political opinions he was a Whig. He died March 13, 1836; and his wife died in 1858 in Williamsburg, Mass. Three of their four children are now living, as follows: Simeon D., born June 7, 1820, now residing in Chicago, Ill., the proprietor of the Prince House; George H.; and Emory L., born January 23, 1831, who resides in Jamestown, Kan., where he is a successful grain, feed, and coal dealer. A brother, after whom the last mentioned was named, was born June 18, 1822, and died October 8, 1830.

George H. Prince received his education in the Amherst common schools. He then engaged in farming and lumbering, and is still interested in the latter. He owns the old Prince farm, which he purchased from his brother, and has now retired from active business, having acquired sufficient means for his support during the remainder of his life. He was married on May 17, 1849, to Miss Sarah E. Nash, who was born in Amherst on June 30, 1829, and is a daughter of Luther and Sabra (Pomeroy) Nash, who were early settlers of Amherst. Luther Nash died, seventy-seven years of age, and his wife when nearly eighty-five years old. Their seven children all grew up, and two are now living, namely: Charlotte, the widow of Joshua Powers, who

resides in Hadley, Mass.; and Mrs. Prince. Both parents were members of the Congregational church. Mr. and Mrs. Prince had six children. Four are now living, namely: Lizzie E., born June 10, 1850, the wife of Will A. Dickinson, of South Amherst; Frank M., born July 23, 1854, who is married, resides in Minneapolis, Minn., and is Vice-President of the First National Bank of that place; George H., born July 16, 1861, who lives in St. Paul, Minn., where he is Cashier of the Capital Bank; and Walter L., born June 24, 1866, who is married, and lives in Stillwater, Minn., Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank. The deceased are: Jennie E., born December 12, 1852; Charles W., born December 12, 1863, who died August 22, 1894, at Minneapolis, where he was employed as a book-keeper in a bank. Both parents are liberal in religious matters, and in politics the father is a Republican. He has served acceptably as Selectman of the town. Mr. Dickinson's wife died on May 9, 1882, leaving no children. He has liberal views as to religious matters, and is a Republican in politics. He is quite prominent in town affairs, and has served in the official capacity of Selectman since 1893 and also in other minor offices.

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**H**ENRY CLAY MILTON HOWE, one of the leading farmers of Enfield, was born there on January 10, 1823, son of John and Rhoda B. (Babbett) Howe and grandson of Solomon and Polly (Holmes) Howe.

Solomon Howe's birth occurred on September 14, 1750. He studied for the ministry, and graduated from Dartmouth College. After that he became a Baptist preacher, and had pastoral charges in several New England towns, among which was Enfield, then Green-

wich, where he resided a number of years. He died in New Salem, November 18, 1835, eighty-five years of age. His wife also lived to a good age. They were the parents of nine children; namely, Abigail H., Hannah, John, Nancy, Solomon, Jonah, Jedidiah, Silas W., and John Milton.

John Howe, the eldest son, was a native of Brookfield, Mass., where he was born December 20, 1783. Throughout his life he devoted considerable attention to agriculture. He also engaged in the printing business, publishing hymn-books and spelling-books, and in 1804 issuing the first number of Howe's Genuine Almanac, for which he made the astronomical calculations. It was one of the leading almanacs at that time, and he continued to publish it up to 1826. The last years of his life were spent in Enfield, on the farm that is now owned by his son, and which he purchased in 1841. His death on February 16, 1845, closed a very successful life. In politics he was a Democrat. He was much interested in the welfare of his town, which he served as Assessor and in other capacities. On matters relating to religion he had liberal views. His wife died on September 13, 1837. Six children were the fruit of their union. They were: John H., Myra M., Frances M., Henry C. M., Bolivar J., and Fenelon W.

Henry Clay Milton Howe, who is now the only survivor of those who in his boyhood days made up the family circle, received a good practical education in the public schools of Enfield. He then turned his attention to agriculture, and has continued to reside on his present farm, the same to which his parents moved when he was eighteen years of age. It is one of the most productive farms in Enfield, and contains about one hundred acres, including the pasturage and tillable

land. Mr. Howe carries on general farming and dairying.

On July 20, 1848, he was united in marriage with Miss Theolocia Ann Johnson, who was born in Dana, Worcester County, on April 20, 1824, and is a daughter of Nathaniel and Martha (Joslyn) Johnson. Her father was one of the leading men of Dana, and for many years was a teacher in the public schools. During his residence there he held in turn nearly every office within the gift of the town. He also served as a Justice of the Peace and as a Representative in the State legislature. He died in Dana, seventy-nine years of age. His wife bore him four children, of whom, besides Mrs. Howe, there is now living but Nathaniel L. Johnson, a prominent citizen of Dana, who has served as State Senator and Representative, and is now President of the Barre Bank. The deceased were: Eliza Mann Johnson, a spinster; and Charlotte Augusta, who married Sylvester Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Howe have had four children, of whom three are still living, namely: William F., born November 17, 1855, a prosperous merchant of Enfield, at one time Postmaster of Enfield, married to Miss Harriet Hubbard, and father of two sons and a daughter—Grace L., Theodore L., and Warren F.; Edwin H. Howe, the present Postmaster of Enfield, graduated by Eastman College at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., in 1882, married to Miss Annie A. Williams, and father of one son, Donald Williams Howe; and Theolocia Lillian, wife of Hiram Weyant, of Boston. Henry Johnson Howe died when he was but four years and nine months old.

Mr. Howe is a supporter of Democratic principles. He has several times served his town as Assessor, and for a number of years has filled the office of Surveyor. His views on matters pertaining to religion are liberal.

Mrs. Howe is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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**A**VERY R. CUSHMAN, a prominent manufacturer of North Amherst, was born in that town, June 22, 1831, son of John R. and Rhoda (Crafts) Cushman. Mr. Cushman is a direct descendant of Robert Cushman, one of the organizers of the "Mayflower" Pilgrims, and who came to America on board the ship to arrive after the "Mayflower." Robert Cushman was a minister and a prominent man among the colonizers of Massachusetts. Mr. Cushman's grandfather, Ephraim Cushman, was born in Middleboro, Mass., February 20, 1754. He served in the Revolutionary War, and participated in the suppression of Shays's Rebellion. He first located in Pelham, Mass., later moving to North Amherst, where he followed the trade of a shoemaker, and also engaged in farming. He was an industrious man, and highly esteemed by his neighbors. He raised a large family of children, all of whom became useful members of society. Ephraim Cushman died in North Amherst, February 20, 1832. He was a Congregationalist in religion.

John R. Cushman, son of Ephraim Cushman and father of Mr. Cushman, was born in North Amherst, September 6, 1803. In early manhood he was connected with the business of manufacturing paper, and in 1834 he established the cardboard manufactory in North Amherst. This he conducted in company with his brother Ephraim until 1864, when his son, Avery R. Cushman, purchased Ephraim's interest in the business. John R. Cushman was originally a Whig in politics, but united with the Republican party at its formation, and became prominent in public affairs. He served upon the Board of Select-

men, and was a member of the legislature for one term during the Civil War. He was a thorough business man, and stood high among his associates for his honorable and upright character. He was a member of the Congregational church, and contributed liberally toward its support. John R. Cushman died in North Amherst in 1883. His wife, who was born in Whately, Mass., October 7, 1803, became the mother of six children, as follows: George H., deceased; Carrie, deceased, who married Mr. Julius Hall; Avery R., the subject of this sketch; Moses E., a resident of North Amherst; John E., who resides in North Amherst; and Edward P., who resides in Lynn, Mass. The mother died in 1878.

Avery R. Cushman was educated in the public schools of North Amherst, and at an early age commenced to learn the paper-making business. He became familiar with every branch of the trade, and in 1864 entered into partnership with his father. He has since conducted a successful business, and now owns the Cushman Mills, which are devoted to the manufacture of cardboard, producing a large amount annually, and employ from twenty to twenty-five skilled workmen. He is an energetic and capable business man, who has reached his present state of prosperity by hard work. Mr. Cushman is a Republican in politics, and has filled important town offices, and represented his district in the legislature of 1871.

On May 18, 1854, Mr. Cushman was united in marriage to Augusta M. Smith. She was born in Enfield, Mass., May 14, 1832, daughter of John W. and Augusta (Rathburn) Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Cushman have four children, namely: Carrie A., who was born December 19, 1855, the wife of Albert S. Stevens, of Amherst, and mother of one daughter, Edith M.; Avery Fayette, born

August 28, 1860, is now a lawyer in New York City; Charles Smith, born October 31, 1865, married to Stella L. Shaw, and father of one daughter, Stella May; and Stephen Percy, born September 20, 1873, now a law student in Brooklyn, N.Y. Mr. Cushman's children are well advanced upon the road to success. Avery F. is connected with the law firm of Goodrich, Deady & Goodrich at 59 Wall Street, New York City. He married Mary Hedden, and has one daughter, named Carolin. Charles S. is engaged in the paper-manufacturing business in North Amherst with his father.

Albert S. Stevens, who married Carrie A. Cushman, was born in Pelham, Mass., February 17, 1852, son of Abial and Maria (Smith) Stevens. Mr. Stevens's father was born in Gill, Franklin County, Mass., in 1804. He was a successful railroad contractor for many years, and upon his retirement from business he settled in Amherst. He died July 31, 1876. His wife, Maria Smith, who was born in Pelham, Mass., June 2, 1817, became the mother of two children, namely: Lorenzo S., who resides in Ogden, Utah; and Albert S.

Albert S. Stevens received a good education, and has devoted his time and energies to railroad contracting and engineering. He has also been engaged in the construction of public works to a considerable extent, in which he was successful; and he is now living in retirement in Amherst. Mr. Stevens is a Republican in politics.

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**I**Saac H. Steele, superintendent of the Cummington Co-operative Creamery, was born in Cummington, November 28, 1843, son of Hiram and Rebecca (Witherell) Steele.

Mr. Steele's grandparents were Stephen

and Chloe (Hubbard) Steele. Stephen Steele was born in Tolland County, Connecticut, from which State he went to Weathersfield, Vt., and later to Windsor, where he became a prosperous farmer. His death occurred in middle life. His wife, Chloe Hubbard before marriage, lived to an advanced age, and was the mother of ten children: Stephen, Lucius, Eliakin, Hiram, Charles, Chloe, Gratia, Emily, Mary J., and Hiram. Mr. Steele's father was born in Weathersfield, Vt., January 5, 1799. When a young man, he went to Watertown, Mass., where he learned the trade of finishing broadcloth, becoming an expert in that occupation. He later worked in Leeds, Mass.; and in 1838 he came to Cummington, where he purchased the Melvin farm, consisting of one hundred and fifty acres. He built a new barn, and remodelled the other buildings, and was a well-to-do farmer when he died in Cummington, at the age of ninety-two years. He was a Republican in politics, a member of the House of Representatives in 1846 and 1847, and a member of the Methodist church. His wife was a native of Chesterfield, Mass., daughter of Elisha Witherell. They had three children, as follows: Lucius; Mary J., who married for her first husband P. A. Bryant, and for her second J. D. Stall; and Isaac H., the subject of this sketch. The mother died at the age of eighty-two.

Isaac H. Steele attended the district and select schools of Cummington. At the age of nineteen years he went to Northampton, where he worked upon guns in the Bay State shops. He later entered the hoop factory in Chesterfield, where he remained for nine years, and then, in company with Joseph Cudworth, his wife's father, purchased two hundred acres of land. They carried on farming for eleven years, keeping graded Durham cows and making a specialty of raising, matching,





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and breaking steer. Mr. Steele returned to the shops in Chesterfield for three years, and in 1886 came to Cummington. Here he assisted in finishing the new creamery, after which he was appointed superintendent. The association started with twenty-five dairies, and now disposes of the products of one hundred and forty-five. It markets upward of twenty thousand pounds of butter per month, chiefly in the surrounding towns and cities. A portion reaches New York and Boston, where it has secured a high reputation. The Cummington Creamery is noted for the superior quality of its commodities—a fact to be largely credited to Mr. Steele's management. Their supply of water is obtained from a constant spring, and the machinery is run by a twelve-horse power engine. The grounds are neatly laid out and covered with shade trees.

On December 24, 1868, Mr. Steele was united in marriage to Alice A. Cudworth, daughter of Joseph and Arelia (Todd) Cudworth. They have two children, namely: George W., born June 21, 1873; and Frank D., born February 3, 1879. Mr. Steele is a Republican in politics, and liberal in his religious views.

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JASON WILLCUTT, whose portrait is here given, a prosperous farmer of Cummington, Mass., was born in the adjoining town of Goshen, December 5, 1822, son of William and Betsey (Daniels) Willcutt. Mr. Willcutt's grandparents were Zebulon and Mercy (Litchfield) Willcutt, who moved to Goshen from Cohasset, on the south shore of Massachusetts Bay. Zebulon Willcutt acquired a tract of two hundred acres of wild land, and cleared and improved a good farm, erecting substantial buildings. The estate is now owned by Emily Willcutt. He

served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and long survived to enjoy the freedom he had helped to win, attaining the advanced age of ninety-three years. In politics he was a Democrat and in religion a Baptist. His wife, Mercy Litchfield, became the mother of the following children: John, Jesse, Joseph, Minerva, Noah, William, Francis, Serviah, and Louis.

William Willcutt, Mr. Willcutt's father, was born in Goshen, and resided with his parents until 1832. He learned the trade of a wagon-maker, and followed that as an occupation, but was also a Methodist minister, and did a great deal of Christian work. William Willcutt died at the age of seventy-one. He married Betsey Daniels; and they had eight children: Jackson, Jason, Elvira, Hester, Harriet, Eliza, William, and Lorenzo. The mother died at the age of seventy-nine.

Jason Willcutt, having grown to manhood, purchased the D. Richards farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres, situated on the line between Goshen and Cummington, remodelled the house, built a new barn, and otherwise improved the property. He is a painstaking and progressive farmer, as is shown by the neat and orderly appearance of his premises and the general air of thrift and good management, his farm being one of the best in this locality. He is engaged in general husbandry and dairying, keeping twelve cows and some valuable young cattle. He is a Republican in politics, and has served as Selectman.

Mr. Willcutt and Elvira Shaw, daughter of Ebenezer Shaw, were united in marriage on April 16, 1840. They journeyed together through life's sunshine and its storms more than fifty years. Of the five children who came to brighten their home two, Sylvanus and Guilford, were soon taken away. Those

remaining are: Brackley H., who was born March 30, 1848, and now assists his father in managing the farm; Clarinda E., born April 30, 1852, residing at home; Flora P., born March 24, 1859, who married William H. Merritt, a prosperous farmer of Goshen. The mother, too, was called to the home above on March 19, 1892, in her seventieth year. Mr. Willcutt is a Spiritualist in his religious belief, holding in the firm grasp of faith

"The truth, to flesh and sense unknown,  
That Life is ever Lord of Death,  
And Love can never lose its own."

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**M**RS. MARY C. WASHBURN, widow of the late Luther Ingersoll Washburn, was born in Boston, January 5, 1822, daughter of William and Sarah (Skelton) Todd. Mrs. Washburn comes from Revolutionary ancestry. Her great-grandfather, William Todd, was a Lieutenant in the Colonial army. His commission, which bears the date of October 10, 1778, and sixteen signatures, including the names of John Hancock and John Avery, Secretary, was issued by the Council of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay.

William Todd, the father of Mrs. Washburn, was a Bostonian by birth and education, but spent his last years in Northampton, dying June 23, 1846, aged sixty-seven years. While staying in London, England, in 1806, he was united in marriage to Miss Skelton; and they afterward made that city their home for several years. Their eldest child, Emma Todd, was born in London, August 20, 1810, and became the wife of Calvin Darling, of New York. She died in Boston, January 5, 1841; and her body was laid to rest in the family tomb in the Central Burying-ground on Boston Common, near Boylston Street.

Their second child, William, died in London in 1817. Mrs. Washburn, the third child, is the subject of this sketch. Julia, the youngest child, was born in 1823 in Boston, and died in Northampton, January 10, 1890, having been a lifelong invalid. The mother also passed her closing years in this city, and died November 10, 1853, aged sixty-five years.

Mrs. Washburn was educated in a Quaker school, under the tuition of Dr. Earle's sister, and later at a school in Northampton. She lived with her parents until her marriage with Mr. Washburn, October 30, 1851. Prior to his death, which occurred in October, 1859, Mr. Washburn was one of the leading merchants of Northampton. Although a comparatively young man, being then in his fortieth year, he had won an assured position in business circles and among the most influential citizens of the place. He dealt extensively in hardware, and had a large patronage in the town and the surrounding country. He was a son of Luther Washburn, a well-known lawyer of Pittsfield, Mass., where his birth occurred July 18, 1774, and his death in 1838. He married Mary Ingersoll; and they reared but two of their children, a daughter and Luther Ingersoll Washburn, the husband of the subject of this sketch. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Washburn, Jared Ingersoll, was a lifelong resident of Pittsfield, born October 29, 1745, and dying February 2, 1835. He married Hildah (Kilborn) Brown, the widow of Colonel John Brown, of Revolutionary fame.

Mrs. Washburn has two sons, namely: Henry Todd Washburn, a salesman in the wholesale establishment of Walker, Stetson & Sawyer, Boston; and Frank Ingersoll Washburn, a manufacturer of jewelry in Springfield, Mass., neither of whom is married. Mrs. Washburn is a very agreeable

woman, an intelligent and entertaining conversationalist, and has a large circle of warm friends. Her home has many valued relics, among them being a silver tankard made by Paul Revere from silver melted down by her grandmother.

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**W**ILLIAM H. GAYLORD, a retired manufacturer and much esteemed citizen of South Hadley, was born in that town, April 9, 1821, son of Moses and Jerusha (Smith) Gaylord. Mr. Gaylord's father was also a native of South Hadley, and followed agriculture throughout his life. He became prominent in public affairs, held various town offices, and was highly respected. He died December 24, 1824. His wife bore him seven children, as follows: Lorenzo, John, Philotas, and Moses, Jr., all deceased; Roxana, who resides in South Hadley Falls; Simeon, who is also deceased; and William H., the subject of this sketch. The mother died May 14, 1858.

William H. Gaylord received his education in the district schools. At the age of twenty years he became an employee of the sash and door factory, now conducted by Howard, Gaylord & Burnett. He continued steadily in that employment until his circumstances enabled him to purchase an interest in the business. His connection with the firm, both as employee and partner, had lasted forty years, when he retired from active participation in its affairs. He, however, retained a fifth interest in the concern. He is also financially interested in several other business ventures, and is at present successfully conducting a farm. Mr. Gaylord takes a deep interest in the welfare of his town, and has been closely connected with many of the most important improvements therein. He has lately ordered a costly and handsome monu-

ment in stone to the memory of soldiers who fought in the late war, to be erected in the park, on a site opposite the church. Mr. Gaylord was formerly a Whig in politics, but joined the Republican party, which he now supports; and, though frequently called upon to accept office, he has always declined.

On September 8, 1858, Mr. Gaylord was united in marriage to Miss Betsey Stone, of Madison County, New York, where she was born, December 25, 1832, daughter of Samuel and Lucy (Howard) Stone. The father was a native of Connecticut, and the mother of Massachusetts. Both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord had one son, Burton Wright, who died March 26, 1880. They are members of the Congregational church, and take an active interest in church work. Mr. Gaylord has presented the society with a fine organ, in memory of his son.

**D**AVID P. BILLINGS, a retired merchant of Ware, was born in Hardwick, Mass., June 1, 1810, son of David and Elizabeth (Pearce) Billings, the former of whom was a native of the same place.

His paternal great-grandfather, who was a patriot soldier of the Revolutionary War, was the father of a large family of sons and daughters. His grandfather, Asahel Billings, who was born in Sunderland, Mass., in 1737, left there when a young man to settle in Hardwick, where he became a successful farmer. Yet he fought for his country in the War of 1812. He married Miss Hannah Robinson, of Barre, Mass., and by the union became the father of several children. She lived over ninety years, and he lived nearly a century. Their son, David Billings, chose medicine for his profession, and for many years was suc-

cessfully engaged in active practice in the town of Hardwick. He also owned the farm upon which his father settled, and which has been in the family for over a century. He died there at sixty-two years of age; and his wife, Elizabeth Pearce, lived to be seventy-five years old. They reared three of the four sons and four daughters that were born of their union.

David P. Billings, who is now the only living child of his parents, spent his early years on a farm, where he became familiar with the duties of a farm life. At the same time he acquired a good common-school education, which was supplemented by a two years' course at a seminary. At nineteen years of age he taught his first term of school, and continued to follow that employment for two winters. When he was twenty-three years of age, he secured a position as salesman in a general store in Palmer, Mass. This position he left in 1837, to open a general store in Ware, Mass., in company with his brother-in-law, Dwight Foster. They carried the business on together until Mr. Foster's death. Thereafter Mr. Billings conducted the store alone for twenty-eight years with continued success. In 1850 he purchased the lot opposite his residence, on which he now has four tenements under rent. He also has about fifteen acres on Muddy Brook, just outside the village. He retired from active business in 1863, and during much of the time since then has been a sufferer from rheumatism.

While engaged as a salesman in Palmer, he met Miss Betsey Foster, to whom he was married on April 5, 1837. She is a daughter of Wilson and Prudence (Brown) Foster, and a grand-daughter of Bryant Foster and Solomon Brown. Her father was a successful agriculturist of Palmer, Mass. He died there

in 1864, nearly eighty-seven years of age. His wife bore him eight children, as follows: Rebecca, wife of Luke Hitchcock, of Palmer; Keyes Foster, a successful agriculturist, who died at the age of seventy-seven years, leaving a son and daughter; Sally, who married James Deans, of Eastford, Conn., and died when fifty years old, leaving two sons and a daughter; Dwight, who was at one time in partnership with Mr. Billings; Salina, who married Shepard Blair, of Warren, Mass., who died when thirty-eight years of age; John, a retired farmer, who died in Palmer in March, 1895; Betsey, wife of Mr. Billings; and Freeman S., a prosperous farmer residing in Palmer, who has one daughter living. Mr. and Mrs. Billings were the parents of a son and daughter, namely: Henry, who died in 1842, at the age of four years and six months; and Henrietta, who died March 20, 1845, aged two years and seven months.

In politics Mr. Billings is a Republican. He has rendered faithful service in various town offices. He has been Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, and for ten years Collector of Taxes. He has for over thirty years been a Director in the National Bank, and has also taken an active part in church work. Both he and his wife, who is an estimable woman, are members of the Congregational church; and he was at one time superintendent of the Sunday-school. They reside at 30 Church Street, a fine dwelling erected on the lot purchased by him in 1840.

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 CHARLES RANNENBERG, a retired business man of South Hadley Falls, Hampshire County, Mass., was born in Einbeck, Hanover, Germany, January 5, 1824, son of Henry and Dora T. (Sharfenberg) Rannenberg. Mr. Rannenberg's father



Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES RANNENBERG.



was a stone mason, and followed that occupation for many years. He assisted in constructing the bridge which connects Einbeck with Kupfenthal, and during his latter years was an overseer. He died April 24, 1860. He was an intelligent and well-known man, highly respected in his community. Henry Rannenberg's wife, who died November 22, 1889, was the mother of four children, as follows: Hammond, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Dane County, Wisconsin; Charles, the subject of this sketch; Dora T., who married and resides in Einbeck; and William, who is an overseer in a cutlery factory in Shelburne Falls, Mass.

Charles Rannenberg received his education in the schools of Germany, and attended a business college. He acquired the trade of a weaver, and at the age of twenty-five years emigrated to the United States, first settling in Thompsonville, Conn., where he remained for one year. He came to South Hadley Falls when the Glasgow Mills were opened, and was first employed as a section hand, but rose step by step from one position to another, until he was appointed superintendent, a post which he resigned in 1876, after having been in the company's employ for over twenty-seven years. Mr. Rannenberg then engaged in the manufacture of brick, in which he enjoyed a merited prosperity until 1882, when he sold his enterprise to the Lander Brothers, of Holyoke, and practically retired from active business pursuits. He has invested extensively in real estate, both in South Hadley Falls and Holyoke, and has erected several houses, his speculations in this direction having been productive of satisfactory financial results. Mr. Rannenberg owes his success in life to the spirit of energy and perseverance which form the principal elements in his character, and were the only capital he possessed. In

politics he has always voted with the Republican party, and although well qualified to hold office has never aspired to political honors.

On November 14, 1848, Mr. Rannenberg was united in marriage with Amelia Winter. She was born in Einbeck, Germany, January 24, 1829, daughter of Frederick and Margaret Winter, the former of whom was a German military officer, and his wife was of English ancestry. They died in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Rannenberg have two children, namely: Charles W., who married Clara Rockwood, and resides in Springfield, Mass., where he is employed as a travelling salesman by the Moody Provision Company; and Matilda, wife of Charles Axman, a book-binder in Holyoke, who resides in South Hadley Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Rannenberg were members of the Lutheran Church in Germany, but have never united with any religious society in the United States. Their children attend the Congregational church.

An excellent likeness of Mr. Rannenberg appears in connection with the foregoing sketch.

**T**E. ARTHUR C. TOWNSEND, pastor of the Congregational church of Westhampton, was born in Hanover, Oxford County, Me., October 8, 1859. His early life was spent on his father's farm in Mars Hill, Aroostook County, Me., his father, Seward P. Townsend, having become a pioneer in that portion of the State while the subject of this sketch was an infant. The Rev. Mr. Townsend's father now resides with his eldest son in Easton, Me. He married Harriet N. Pierce, of New Gloucester, Me., who bore him four children, namely: Herbert L., of Easton, Me.; Orlando C., of Boston; Arthur C.; and Emily A., who died in September, 1881, at the age of nineteen years.

Her death was followed by that of her mother in December of the same year.

The Rev. Arthur C. Townsend, like many of our men who occupy places of distinction in the mercantile, political, scientific, or literary world, was bred to agricultural pursuits. Until he attained his majority, he remained with his parents, assisting in the various employments of the farm, while gleaning the elements of his education at the district schools and in select schools near by. At the age of seventeen he began to teach in the schools of his own town.

At the age of twenty-one Mr. Townsend left home, and went to Lewiston, Me., where he found employment in a woollen-mill. After a year spent in Oxford County, partly in this work and partly in a saw-mill, he wisely decided to invest his modest savings in gratifying a long-cherished desire for further study, and entered the middle class of the Maine Central Institute, in the village of Pittsfield, Me. Here he studied three terms of the four that made the school year. The following autumn, after a summer spent in an unsuccessful attempt to replenish his depleted funds by canvassing for books, finding himself unable to return to Pittsfield, a way was providentially opened for him to enter Nichols Latin School in Lewiston. Here he studied during his senior year, receiving at his graduation the first prize for excellence of scholarship. After a summer spent as clerk at a seashore hotel Mr. Townsend entered Bates College in Lewiston. While there he was prominent in its literary circles, being for one year literary editor of the *Bates Student*, the college magazine. During his Junior and Senior years and a portion of the following year he taught mathematics in Nichols Latin School. At graduation he received first honor in the department of mathematics.

While attending school Mr. Townsend became a professed Christian, and united with the Main Street Free Baptist Church in Lewiston. After graduation he began to study for the Christian ministry in Cobb Divinity School, a department of Bates College. During the following summer he supplied the vacant pulpit of the First Congregational Church of Falmouth, Me. From there in the fall he went to Yale University, where he studied two years, graduating in 1891. The intervening summer he spent in home mission work at East Madison, Me. During his Senior year he received a call to his present pastorate; and, having already transferred his church membership to the Center Church (Congregational) of New Haven, he accepted, and was ordained in Westhampton, June 10, 1891, becoming the successor of many eminent men, who labored so faithfully to advance the moral and spiritual interests of Hampshire County, sowing seed from which abundant harvests have been reaped.

The Congregational church at Westhampton is one of the oldest organizations of the town, which was incorporated in 1778. The church is nearly as old, its centennial having been celebrated September 3, 1879. On August 11, 1779, prior to the formation of a religious society, the pioneer settlers of the town, mostly men who had been reared in the Congregational faith, extended a call to the Rev. Enoch Hale, grandfather of the Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, of Boston, to become their pastor. He heeded the call, and on September 29, 1779, was ordained pastor, the church having been organized in the interim. He died in this town, January 14, 1837; but his influence for good is still felt in the community. The next pastor, Horace B. Chapin, was installed July 8, 1829, and dismissed February 29, 1837. He was fol-





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lowed by the Rev. Amos Drury, who was installed June 28, 1837, and died July 22, 1841. His successor, the Rev. David Coggin, was installed May 11, 1842, and died April 28, 1852. The Rev. Andrew Bigelow was installed March 2, 1854, and was dismissed April 18, 1855. On November 20, 1856, the Rev. Roswell Foster was installed, and on December 29, 1858, was dismissed. The Rev. Edwin C. Bissell was ordained September 21, 1859, and dismissed May 10, 1864. The Rev. Thomas Allender was installed June 21, 1866, and died September 17, 1869. He was succeeded by the Rev. F. P. Barnard, who was installed June 30, 1870, and dismissed July 1, 1873. The Rev. Joseph Lannan was installed June 3, 1874, and dismissed September 11, 1876. The Rev. Edward S. Palmer was installed December 7, 1876, and dismissed April 20, 1881. He was succeeded by the Rev. William C. Seofield, who was acting pastor of the church from October 1, 1881, until December 7, 1884. The Rev. A. E. Todd, the next pastor of the church, ministered to the congregation from January 1, 1886, until January 7, 1891, being then succeeded by its present beloved pastor, the Rev. Arthur C. Townsend. This church is in a most flourishing condition, having now a membership of two hundred and forty souls. Its clerk is Frederick H. Judd; and its deacons, William I. Edwards, A. D. Montague, A. G. Jewett, and F. D. Bridgman; while the church committee consists of the pastor and deacons, with R. W. Clapp, Theophilus Edwards, Mrs. E. W. Kingsley, and Mrs. A. C. Shepherd. The treasurer is Deacon Alfred D. Montague.

Before the erection of any building for religious worship, divine service was held alternate Sundays at the home of Captain Azariah Lyman, in the south part of the town,

and at Nathan Clark's house, in the northern section. The first church was completed in 1789, although services were held in it for some four years prior to that date. In 1816, the church becoming dilapidated and not sufficiently large to accommodate its increasing numbers, it was removed; and a larger and more substantial edifice was reared, it being one of the finest church buildings in Western Massachusetts. On February 17, 1829, it was destroyed by fire; and on the 29th of December, the same year, the present handsome structure was dedicated to the worship of God. In 1883 the church was entirely remodelled and refurnished, and a conveniently arranged kitchen and dining-room were added; and since that time it has been kept in excellent repair.

On December 15, 1891, Mr. Townsend was united in marriage to Miss Ina F. Cobb, who had been a classmate with him in Bates College, and who was the daughter of Thomas S. Cobb, of Poland, Me., where she was born January 7, 1865. Their union has been hallowed by the birth of two sons.

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**C**OLONEL ELISHA A. EDWARDS, a well-known, public-spirited, and influential citizen of Hampshire County, was born in Southampton, Mass., March 25, 1824. He is of Welsh origin, the emigrant ancestor having been Alexander Edwards, who left Wales in 1640, and after his arrival in this State settled in Springfield. On April 28, 1642, he married Sarah Searl, and in 1655 moved to Northampton, where he died September 4, 1690. Of his eight children, Samuel, born March 7, 1643, was the next in the line now being considered. He married Sarah Boykin, daughter of James Boykin, of New Haven, Conn.; and they reared

six children, their eldest son being Samuel Edwards, Jr., who was born March 26, 1676, and died March 8, 1749. His first wife, Mercy Pomeroy, whom he married in 1708, died in 1712; and he subsequently married Sarah Pomeroy, of Colchester, Conn. He reared nine children, including Samuel, the third, born September 12, 1716, and Noah, born June 6, 1722.

Noah Edwards was married June 28, 1749, to Jerusha Alvord, who died in 1798. In his old age, September 11, 1799, he married widow Elizabeth Wright, with whom he lived until his death, September 3, 1805. Justin, the second of his eight children, was born in 1752. He married Elizabeth Clark in 1778, and afterward removed to Westhampton, where she died December 6, 1792. On January 1, 1795, he married Mary Bartlett, a niece of Phœbe Bartlett, whose early history is given in President Edwards's work on "Revivals." Justin Edwards died October 6, 1816. By his first wife he had four children: Dotia, Jesse, Justin (the Rev. Dr. Edwards), and Elizabeth. His second wife bore him three children: Sarah, who died in infancy; Mary; and William.

Samuel Edwards, born in 1716, was the grandfather of the late Professor Bela B. Edwards and also of Elisha Edwards, father of Colonel Elisha A. He served in the Revolutionary War. The elder Elisha Edwards was married in 1792. His son Elisha, who was born April 22, 1793, and died April 26, 1868, married Julia King, who was born in October, 1798, and died in 1838. They were the parents of eight children; namely, Horace, Elisha A., Julia A., Charles L., Elizabeth, Caroline, Eunice M., and George K. The father, Elisha, Jr., was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Horace, born November 22, 1822, died December 23, 1846. Julia, born September 29,

1826, became the wife of the Rev. Cornelius H. Taylor, D.D., a Presbyterian minister; and he died in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 25, 1875, leaving four children: Edwards C., Frank L., Julia K., and Kirke H. Charles L., born October 19, 1828, now a coal dealer and insurance agent at Lawrence, Kan., married Susan Powers, of North Hadley; and of the three children born to them one is now living, Virginia S. Elizabeth, born December 10, 1830, married Martin L. Gaylord (graduate of Amherst College), a farmer in Easthampton, and they have three children: Lucy P., Edith E., and Winfred M. Caroline, born February 23, 1833, is a resident of Southampton. Eunice M., born May 6, 1835, and now living in Colorado, is the widow of the late George L. Gaylord, and has two children, Lewis and Edwards K.

George K., the youngest son, born April 28, 1838, grew to manhood in Southampton, and there lived until his enlistment in Company B, Thirty-first Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, in October, 1861. Going South with his regiment, he was engaged in the battles of the forts before New Orleans, which the Union army took possession of in April 1862. On July 7, 1862, he was discharged for disability. On January 1, 1863, he re-enlisted, was commissioned First Lieutenant, and mustered into service March 2, in Company A, Second District of Columbia Volunteer Infantry, being at first stationed at Washington Heights, and going thence to Alexandria, and from there to different places in the South. He displayed great bravery in several engagements. On September 12, 1865, he was discharged, and came home in poor health and suffering from injuries he had received by falling from the upper deck of a steamboat, a distance of twenty feet, and striking on a barrel.

On December 15, 1864, George K. Edwards was united in marriage with Martha L. Lyman, who was born December 8, 1838, in Chester, Mass., daughter of Stephen and Julia (Searl) Lyman. The only child born of their union died in infancy. They have since adopted a little girl, Ethel May, born May 1, 1887. Mr. Lyman was born December 24, 1811, married Julia Searl, April 28, 1830, and died April 11, 1889. Mrs. Julia S. Lyman is still living in Southampton, quite advanced in years, her birth having occurred June 21, 1815. She bore her husband five children, of whom but two now survive. One daughter, Harriet Eliza (deceased), married the Rev. William R. Stocking, of Williamstown, Mass., and went to Persia as a missionary. Stephen Lyman was the eldest son of Samuel Lyman, who was born at Chester, May 2, 1789, and who served in the War of 1812, in Colonel Enos Foot's regiment. He was a Deacon of the Congregational church of Chester for over twenty years. On October 26, 1809, he married Marian S. Tinker; and they reared ten children.

Elisha A. Edwards, the second child born to Elisha and Julia (King) Edwards, was reared to man's estate in his native town. Early in life he chose farming as his principal vocation, and engaged in tilling the soil during the summer months and in teaching school in the winters for several years. At the age of sixteen he joined the militia, and, being promoted from time to time, became Colonel of the regiment, resigning his position after eight years' service. On October 1, 1861, inspired by patriotic ardor, Colonel Edwards enlisted in defence of his country, raising a company of over one hundred men, they going into camp as Company B, Thirty-first Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, in Pittsfield, removing thence to Lowell, Mass., and after-

ward to Boston. From there the regiment went South, marching into New Orleans May 1, 1862. The Colonel was taken sick while in that city, and after lying there for weeks received his discharge, September 5, 1862.

After his return to Southampton Colonel Edwards was for a long time unable to engage in business; but since recovering his health he has taken an active part in the management of local public affairs, being an earnest supporter of the Republican party. He has served as Moderator at the annual town meetings for more than a score of years, as Town Clerk thirteen years, as Selectman and Assessor three years, as Justice of the Peace for forty-four years, and is now serving his twenty-eighth year as a member of the Board of County Commissioners, twenty-four years of which he has been its chairman. He has also served as Postmaster of Southampton. Colonel Edwards has always been deeply interested in Masonry, and belongs to Jerusalem Lodge of Northampton. He is likewise a member of the William L. Baker Post, No. 86, Grand Army of the Republic. He and his family are members of the Congregational church and useful workers in that denomination. In financial circles the Colonel is favorably known throughout this part of Massachusetts, having been one of the incorporators of the Hampshire Savings Bank of Northampton, of which he has been one of the Trustees ever since the bank was started. He is a Trustee of the Sheldon Academy Corporation, and has also been Secretary and Treasurer for nearly thirty years. He is likewise President and Trustee of the Southampton Library Association. In 1857 Colonel Edwards visited Kansas with a view of locating there, and for a few months was book-keeper for the National Kansas Aid Society of Lawrence.

On the 12th of May, 1846, Colonel Elisha

A. Edwards was united in marriage with Henrietta L. Sheldon, who was born July 3, 1825, in Southampton. Mrs. Edwards is a daughter of the late Captain Silas and Anna (King) Sheldon, the latter of whom died in 1892. Captain Sheldon and his wife were the parents of seven children; namely, Emily, Silas B., Henrietta L., Lovisa S., Flavel K., Anna K., and Julia E., three of whom are yet living. Four children have been born of the union of Colonel and Mrs. Edwards, the following being a brief record: Alice Julia, born in September, 1848, was first married to George Boyd, and after his death became the wife of W. H. Lyman, by whom she has one child, George W., born March 1, 1889; Mr. Lyman is a travelling salesman, and resides in Springfield. Emma H., born December 10, 1854, died July 11, 1890; she was the wife of the late Deacon L. R. Bartlett, of Westfield, Mass. Isabella G., born May 25, 1856, is a resident of Springfield, Mass., and the widow of the late D. H. Bronson, who passed to the higher life July 6, 1891; Mr. and Mrs. Bronson became the parents of two children: Eugene, deceased, and Frederick E., born in January, 1881. Anna K., the youngest child, born March 18, 1861, is the wife of William C. Sheldon, of Southampton.

A lifelike portrait of Colonel Elisha A. Edwards accompanies this brief historical sketch of the ancient and honored Hampshire County family of which he is the worthy representative.

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**J**OHN H. WIETHAUPER, superintendent of the L. L. Brown Paper Company Mills of West Cummington, was born in Morristown, N.J., August 20, 1846, son of August G. and Mary (Corrington) Wiethauper. Mr. Wiethauper's father was a native of Germany, who, after serving seven

years in apprenticeship at hand paper-making, emigrated to the United States in 1838, and settled in Morristown, N.J. He subsequently moved to Bloomfield, N.J., where he was employed as superintendent, and in 1861 to Dalton, Mass., to fill a similar position in Crane & Co.'s paper-mills, which he held until 1877. He died at the age of sixty-nine years. August Wiethauper was an expert in his calling and a highly esteemed citizen. His wife died at the age of fifty-one.

John H. Wiethauper was educated in the public schools of Morristown. After graduating from the high school, he commenced work in the paper-mills. In 1866 he entered the employ of Crane & Co. at Dalton, where under his father's direction he passed through the different branches of the trade, and became proficient in every detail of the business, from the manufacturing of the ordinary grades to the production of the finest bond and linen papers, and continued in the employ of the above company until in 1881 he was appointed superintendent of the L. L. Brown Paper Company Mills in West Cummington, a position which he has since filled with marked ability. These mills were erected in 1856 by J. D. Nelson; and in 1860 they came into the possession of the present company, of which C. C. Jenks is president, and A. B. Daniels is treasurer. The plant contains all modern improvements in the way of machinery; and, although water is depended upon for power, they have in reserve a one hundred horse-power engine, with a one hundred and fifty horse-power boiler, which can furnish steam-power in case of accident or the failure of the water supply. They have a large reservoir upon the mountain for the purpose of supplying water to their tenants and to the town in case of fires. The company employs from twenty-five to





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thirty skilled operatives, and owns a number of tenement-houses. The mills produce a superior quality of both bond and linen papers, which are widely known, and command a ready sale. The entire enterprise is under the direct supervision of Mr. Wiethauper, who, aside from overseeing the work of manufacturing, has found time to effect a great deal of outside improvement in the way of grading and laying out of lawns and roads.

Mr. Wiethauper married Sophronia Comstock, of Great Barrington, daughter of William Comstock. They have three children: J. Russell, Frank C., and John H., Jr. Mr. Wiethauper is a member of Berkshire Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Adams. He attends the Congregational church.

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**A**SA C. SMITH, who for some years was identified with the manufacturing industries of Western Massachusetts, is now a very successful farmer of Belchertown, where he was born, January 2, 1847. His father, Lucius Smith, was born in Connecticut, March 21, 1820; but his grandfather, Asa Smith, who was also a native of that State, moved to Massachusetts, and settled at Monson, Hampden County, where he engaged in milling. He afterward purchased a farm in the south part of Belchertown. He married Miss Isabella Tyler; and their children were: Asa, Tyler, Hannah, Lucius, and Ann. Lucius Smith received a common-school education, and in his early manhood assisted his father in the mill at Monson. Subsequent to their removal to South Belchertown he here devoted his time to farming. His first wife, whose maiden name was Lucretia Parsons, died soon after their marriage; and he wedded for his second wife Mrs. Thankful Hathaway Parsons, daugh-

ter of Abner Hathaway, this union being blessed with but one son, Asa C. Smith, above-named. Lucius Smith died January 14, 1883, his wife surviving until May 22, 1893.

Asa C. Smith pursued the usual course of study in the common schools of his native town, and, after attending the Bondville High School for two terms, entered the milling business at Granby, being then eighteen years old. Later he engaged in the same occupation at Tylerville. At the age of twenty-two years he was placed in charge of a room at the mills in Wales, Hampden County, Mass.; and three years later he became superintendent, a position which he most ably filled for a period of some years. He was engaged in the manufacturing industries until 1883, when on account of poor health he purchased a farm of one hundred acres adjoining the old homestead of his parents, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He has continued thus engaged, and is exceedingly prosperous.

On May 12, 1879, he married Miss Carrie R. Burke, daughter of Edward and Jane Burke, of Monson. They have one daughter, Mabel M., who was born March 1, 1880. Mr. Smith is an earnest Republican in politics, and has served as a Selectman in Belchertown for seven consecutive years.

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**E**ZRA THOMAS SAWYER, a prominent citizen of Easthampton, where he is engaged in the manufacture of rubber thread, is a scion of an old family, members of which figured prominently in some of the early Massachusetts settlements. The first ancestor of the family in this country was Thomas Sawyer, who was born in 1615, and in 1635 came from Lincolnshire, England, and settled in Charlestown, Mass. In 1647 he

married Mary Prescott, daughter of John Prescott, and in 1653 removed to Lancaster, Mass., where his wife's father was one of the first settlers. He became a prominent man in that place, and was appointed by the General Court in 1657 as one of the commissioners "to govern the people." One of the five fortified houses in Lancaster belonged to him, and though several times assaulted by the Indians it was never captured. He died September 12, 1706, aged ninety-one years. His family consisted of nine children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Thomas, July, 1649; Ephraim, January, 1651; Mary, January, 1653; Elizabeth, January, 1654; Joshua, March, 1655; James, March, 1657; Caleb, April, 1659; John, April, 1661; Nathaniel, November, 1670. Colonel William Prescott, of Bunker Hill fame, was a lineal descendant of John Prescott, of Lancaster. Thomas Sawyer was married again in 1672.

Thomas Sawyer, second, was a man well versed in mechanics and of an inventive turn of mind. He was taken captive by Indians in 1705, together with his son Elias and another companion, and carried to Canada. After reaching Montreal he made a bargain with the Indians, offering to build a mill on the Chambly River on condition that he and his fellow-captives should be released; but the Indians proved treacherous and bound him to a stake with a view to immediate execution. He was saved, however, by the intervention of a friar, who, claiming to hold the keys of purgatory, threatened to unlock the gates and thrust them in if they persisted in their plans. It took Mr. Sawyer a year to complete the mill; and his son Elias was detained for a time longer, and employed to teach the Indians the art of sawing. Since the time of Thomas the name of Sawyer has been associated with mills in every generation.

The family showed a martial spirit in the French and Indian War and during the Revolutionary struggle. Ephraim Sawyer, great-grandson of the first Thomas Sawyer mentioned above, and born in Lancaster, Mass., in 1719, was chosen one of the first "permanent commissioners of correspondance," September 5, 1774, and was one of a special commission of three to whom taxes were paid. He was also one of the "commissioners of correspondance of nine," called March 6, 1776, this being the last occasion when the Selectmen based their action upon the authority of the king. He served under King George as Lieutenant in the French and Indian War, and years later, at the battle of Lexington, was a Major in Colonel John Whitcomb's regiment of minute-men. He also fought in the same regiment at the battle of Bunker Hill. This regiment also took part in the siege of Boston and the battles of Long Island, Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown. At Dobbs Ferry, Major Sawyer led his regiment as Lieutenant Colonel, and later was present at the battle of Saratoga, when Burgoyne surrendered. His five sons, James (who was but fourteen years old at the battle of Bunker Hill), Ephraim, John, Josiah, and Peter, also fought through the war. The name of another member of the family, Ezra Sawyer, appears, with rank of private, on the Lexington alarm roll of Captain Samuel Sawyer's company, Colonel John Whitcomb's regiment, his military record being on file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Ezra Thomas Sawyer, the special subject of this sketch, is descended from Thomas Sawyer, second, and is the son of Ezra and Eliza (Houghton) Sawyer, and grandson of a later Thomas Sawyer, who was a prosperous farmer of Sterling, Mass. He was born in Lancas-

ter, Mass., January 4, 1829, and received his education in the public schools of his native town. At the age of sixteen years he began to learn the machinist's trade with Otis Tufts, then located on Bromfield Street, Boston, and remained with him four years. At the age of twenty he was employed to run a locomotive on the Worcester & Nashua Railroad, then just completed, and for a period of seven years served as locomotive engineer on that road and on the Erie and Hudson River Railroads. After leaving the railroad service he was employed for one year in the engineer's department of the Brooklyn navy yard, and then received an appointment as engineer on board the Vanderbilt steamer "Ariel," running between New York and Bremerhafen. After two years in that ship he came to Easthampton, Mass., and as a machinist entered the employ of his brother, Edmund H. Sawyer, who was there located as treasurer and agent of the Nashawannuck Manufacturing Company.

In 1861, the Goodyear Elastic Fabric Company, now known as the Glendale Company, was organized in Easthampton; and Mr. Sawyer was appointed superintendent and general agent. He remained in that position until 1873, and was then made treasurer of the Easthampton Rubber Thread Company, acting in that capacity until 1891. In the latter year he was made president and general manager, and has so continued up to the present time. During his administration of the affairs of the company, covering a period of twenty years, it has been in a flourishing condition. The present company was organized in 1864, and has now a capital of four hundred thousand dollars. Aside from the offices which he holds in this company, he is a Director in the First National Bank of Easthampton and in the Nashawannuck and Glendale Companies, and is President of the Easthampton Gas Company.

Mr. Sawyer has been twice married — first in 1853, in Lancaster, to Caroline Woodbury, daughter of Moses Howe, of Bolton, Mass.; and second in 1884, in Toledo, Ohio, to Mrs. Mary E. (Montsarratt) Braisted, of Louisville, Ky. A son of Mr. Sawyer, Frank Ezra Sawyer, was graduated at the Annapolis Naval Academy, and is now a Lieutenant on board the United States man-of-war, "Philadelphia."

An excellent likeness of Mr. Ezra Thomas Sawyer may be seen on a preceding page. The incidents in his life, briefly narrated in this sketch, sufficiently indicate his character. With an early education limited to the common schools, nothing but a natural faculty inherited from a line of energetic and capable ancestors, the fullest improvement of every opportunity for advancement, a determination to perform thoroughly every duty within the present sphere of action, an avoidance of all those distracting allurements which in politics and speculation are the shoals and rocks wrecking so many of our business men, and withal an integrity above suspicion, could have borne him along from the machinist's bench in Boston through all the stages of his career to the responsible post he now occupies with profit and honor to himself and with remunerative returns to those whose trust he administers. With abundant means, a handsome estate, a house to which taste and refinement have contributed their share of grace, and a home to which the happiest domestic relations lend their charm, Mr. Sawyer is enjoying the later years of his life in well-deserved ease and content.

**E**DWARD P. BLODGETT, the subject of the following sketch, was born in East Windsor, Conn., August 23, 1815. When he had reached the early age of

nine months, his parents, Cephas and Huldah (Gaylord) Blodgett, removed to Amherst, Mass. His father was a well-to-do farmer, and purchased and was in unencumbered possession of the farm in Mill Valley, now and for many years known as the Gaylord estate. By an unfortunate combination of circumstances by which he lost his beautiful farm, and became hence onward a poor man, dependent on his daily toil in the service of others for the support of his family. At what age our subject was at the time of this great misfortune he has no recollection, or what took place during those early years of boyhood he has no power to recall; but all the advantages which the district school of seventy years ago afforded were his. Amherst Academy, which in due time became Amherst College, opened its doors to him, as well. At the age of eleven years he was called to the trial of leaving home and going away to work on a farm at the rate of four dollars per month for six months of the year. This continued for six years successively, between the ages of eleven and seventeen. And it may fittingly be said that those six years were no unimportant factor in laying the foundation of that physical development and health which to a remarkable degree have been his inheritance through a long life.

At the age of seventeen the farm was abandoned with the purpose of entering upon a course of study in preparation for the Christian ministry. After reading the biographies of such men as David Brainard and Henry Martyn, it was impressed upon him that his life work must be to preach the gospel — a missionary, if the way should be opened; if not, an humble messenger of the truth in the home land. But *how* should those years of study and toil and discipline, so needful for a fitness

for the work, be passed through? He was poor, scarcely a dollar with which to launch upon the untried ocean. But the attempt was made, with the hope and in the faith that the desired haven would be reached. His parents, though poor and unable to render financial aid, did all that kindness and sympathy could do, cheerfully relinquishing all claim to his services until of age. He entered upon the classical course in Amherst Academy in the autumn of 1832, boarding at home in Mill Valley, where his parents still resided, and a part of the time at another home under the very shadow of the college, in the family of Lucius Boltwood, Esq., whom he will ever have occasion to remember with gratitude. He entered Amherst College in the autumn of 1834, when that institution was only thirteen years old, and in 1838 graduated from it. During those years of college life his experience was a marvel of personal history, as it pertains to the opening of God's providence in the removal of obstacles in the way of the accomplishment of his purpose. During the first year after leaving college Edward Blodgett was engaged in teaching, greatly to his advantage. The Mount Holyoke Seminary at South Hadley had just opened its doors, with that marvellous woman, Mary Lyon, at its head. It was Mr. Blodgett's privilege to be in charge of a school from which young women entered that institution; and he was thereby brought into touch with that seminary, now college, which for the past nearly sixty years has had such a power in human welfare.

In the autumn of 1839 Mr. Blodgett was led to leave the home of his childhood and go to Andover; and the journey thither, instead of being made in a few hours in a luxurious car, occasioned many a wearisome hour in riding in a lumbering stage-coach, which left at early dawn Elijah Boltwood's tavern in Am-

herst for Worcester. But Andover was reached—a stranger in a strange land, Professor Park being the only man there he had ever seen. He received him into his home as kindly as if he had been a son. Those were the days of Moses Stuart and Bela B. Edwards, names that have been a tower of strength in the history of that seminary. A room was soon assigned him in Phillips Hall, which afterward became so sacred in the study of the Hebrew Bible. And after fifty-six years it was his privilege in June last to go back and re-enter that room and those halls, and for forty and eight hours live over the experiences of the three years spent in preparation for the ministry. The second year of his course he was invited by the principal of the Abbott Female Seminary to teach classes in Butler's Analogy and moral science, so connected with the very best preparation for his work. Not licensed until the Senior year, his first sermon was preached in the seminary chapel in the order of his turn. During the spring vacation of five weeks he was invited to Cornwall, Conn., to supply its pulpit. This invitation was accepted. After returning to graduate, he continued to supply the pulpit there during the autumn. From Cornwall he went to Amherst, spending the winter of 1842 and 1843, preaching as opportunity opened.

The first Sabbath in March following, Mr. Blodgett preached his first sermon in Greenwich, Mass., where he was ordained and installed July 5, 1843, and where he preached his farewell sermon July 29, 1894, after a ministry of fifty-one years. Here has been his life work. The materials of this half century of service have accumulated so amply that much could readily be added, but the published anniversary sermons contain the substantial facts touching this history. On

the 12th of July following his ordination he was married to his wife, Mary Sutton Webb, who for thirty-one years was a faithful and efficient helper in the work, sharing its joys and its sorrows, its defeats and its victories, until called higher. And, if in any way he has been successful in toil for Christ and the saving of men, he owes more to her wise counsels, her gentle and winning words, and her life unselfishly devoted to the good of others than tongue can utter. This long ministry has been an exceedingly happy one. The bond of union through all the years was strong, and nothing occurred during the half-century to mar the fellowship. They dwelt together in unity with a mutual confidence that has been a source of perpetual joy. During this period there have been preached four thousand sermons, many of which were repeated in other churches with which the minister had close and tender relations. Mr. Blodgett has lived to see the pastors of these churches removed by death or otherwise, and the men now occupying these pulpits either unborn or in their early boyhood at the time of his entering the ministry.

His relations to the town also were pleasant. He was called to bury its dead and to superintend the education of its children in its public schools. Some estimate of the changes that have taken place may be gathered from the fact that there have been followed through the gateway to the cemetery more dead than those living in the town to-day by a hundred people. During this period, while the town has decreased in population two hundred and fifty, the church has held its own numerically, notwithstanding the fact that within a small fraction it has sent away by letter two members where it has received one from others. With the exception of two or three individuals the entire present mem-

bership have come into the church during this ministry. Such, in brief, are a few facts connected with the life and labors of Mr. Blodgett to the present time. "Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day. I cannot be too grateful to God that he has permitted me to preach the gospel of his Son so many years; and, while looking back upon the long record, I feel humiliated under the consciousness of weakness and failure. I hope to find acceptance with him through his forgiving love and abounding grace. And, while I have retired from the cares and responsibilities of the pastoral office at the age of fourscore years, I desire not to be an idler in the great vineyard; but with what strength still remains it is my desire and purpose in some humble way to be true to the trust committed to me."

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**L**UCIEN BENNETT WILLIAMS, for many years an important factor in the manufacturing interests of Northampton, Mass., and one of its foremost citizens, was born in Becket, Berkshire County, on February 3, 1825. He died at his residence in this city on July 23 of the present year, 1895. Mr. Williams was the representative of an early settler of Hampshire County, his great-grandfather, Ebenezer Williams, who was born and reared in Canterbury, Conn., having removed from there to Worthington, Mass., in old Colonial times. This part of the country was then in its primeval wildness; and the journey hither was made by himself and family on horseback, following a path marked by blazed trees.

Leonard Williams, son of Ebenezer, was a widely known physician of this county at an early period, being actively engaged in the duties of his profession fifty years. He began

practice in Worthington, but in 1804 removed to Chester, which was later known as Huntington. Dr. Williams married Olive Wadsworth, of Becket, who bore him three children: Jabin B., James Holland, and Arvilla A. The daughter was twice married, her first husband being Jonathan W. Bartlett, and her second Elias Ballou. She lived past middle age, and at her death left three children, of whom only one is now living.

Jabin B. Williams was born January 5, 1800, in Worthington, and was but four years old when his parents settled in Huntington, where he was reared, receiving a liberal schooling. On attaining his majority he removed to Becket, and there lived a short time, but soon returned to Huntington and established himself in mercantile business, opening a store of general merchandise, and carrying a varied assortment of goods. He was very successful, beginning with a small cash capital and gradually increasing his trade until he had one of the largest stores in the county, his straight-forward business methods winning him friends and customers. He remained in business until his decease in 1859.

He married Lydia Wilson, of Huntington, a native of Woodstock, Conn., and they became the parents of six children, namely: Leonard Wilson, who died in Lenox, aged eighteen years; Lucien B., of whom we write; Cynthia A., widow of Israel D. Clark, who resides in Northampton; Ermina L., who died in infancy; Henry F., deceased, who was in business with his brother Lucien for some years, and at the time of his death was President of the First National Bank of Northampton; and Charles Edgar, a resident of Northampton. The father was very prominent in the administration of local public affairs, and one of the influential members of the Democratic party. Though averse to office-

seeking or office-holding, he served as Magistrate for many years, being recognized as an authority on legal questions, and was a wise and friendly counsellor to his neighbors, who had great faith in his integrity and good judgment. He was also the pension agent for the Berkshire County Revolutionary soldiers, about forty in number, who used to meet at his store twice a year, March 4 and September 4, to receive their hard-earned bounty and rehearse the thrilling stories of their army experiences.

Lucien B. Williams completed his school life at the Wilbraham Academy, and, when a youth of seventeen years, became a salesman in his father's store. He was quick to learn, paying close attention to his duties, in time becoming a partner in the business, and at the death of his father succeeding to its ownership. Mr. Williams began the manufacture of baskets in Huntington, buying out the plant of an established firm and continuing there until 1862. In that year he came to Northampton, where he increased his business to large proportions. He manufactured baskets of splint and rattan, of all sizes, including clothes baskets, peach baskets, and market baskets, the mill capacity being very large, turning out in good times as many as ten thousand baskets per day. The factory is a large building, two hundred by forty feet, with an L one hundred by thirty feet, and an engine-room in which is manufactured the steam that propels the machinery. Besides this the plant includes four storehouses, each two hundred by fifty feet; and employment is furnished in prosperous times to two hundred hands.

Here Mr. Williams was as successful as in his mercantile business in Huntington, which he closed out in 1861, just prior to his removal to Northampton. This manufactory is now governed by an incorporated company,

which was organized some twenty-five years ago. Mr. Williams was the first President; his son, Vice-President; Frank E. Clark, his sister's son, Treasurer; and Robert G. Williams, a nephew, Secretary. Mr. Williams's exacting business interests necessarily absorbed much of his attention; but he was always identified with all philanthropic measures looking to the material and moral betterment of his town, county, State, and country. He was an ardent, working patriot in the Civil War, having up to the opening of that war been a Democrat in political convictions, but thereafter was a Republican in sentiment and service. Mr. Williams was a Director in the Northampton Bank for many years, including the time of the famous robbery, and was prominently useful in aiding the adjustment of the serious difficulties which followed that calamity. A few years ago his failing health compelled him to resign the responsible trust, his son Harry being selected as his successor. Mr. Williams was also Treasurer of the Florence Machine Company in its prosperous days, and was for many years a prominent Director of the Northampton Emery Wheel Company, whose treasurer, the late General Otis, was one of his very warm friends.

On September 1, 1847, Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Harriet Copeland, of Huntington, a daughter of Melvin and Lucinda (Blake) Copeland. Mrs. Williams's parents died in the spring of 1866, her father in March and her mother in April. Mr. Copeland was a native of Sturbridge, Mass., but moved from there to Hartford, Conn., where he was married, and there engaged in the manufacture of carpenter's tools. Later he moved to Huntington and carried on the same business until his decease. Mrs. Williams was born and reared in Hartford, finishing her education in the Hartford Seminary,

a noted institution of learning. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Williams was blessed by the birth of four children, three of whom have passed to the higher life: Mary, who died in infancy; Frederick at the age of five years; and Helen at the age of seventeen years. Henry L., the only child living, was graduated from Yale College in the class of 1882. He married Isabella Dewey, a daughter of Edward Dewey, of Boston, Mass.

The Williams residence, a spacious mansion standing on a beautiful lawn and shaded by towering elms with graceful branches, is one of the most charming places in this vicinity. This property, containing about five acres of land, Mr. Williams purchased in 1867; and the house, which was built seventy-five years ago and is three stories high and sixty feet square, has been entirely remodelled. It is furnished in a cosey, homelike, tasteful way, and pervaded with an air of comfort, the handsome library with its three thousand volumes being especially attractive.

We take pleasure in quoting from an appreciative tribute to the memory of Mr. Williams, elsewhere in print, evidently from the pen of one who knew him well:—

"He was an example of the gentleman in business, and has been a power in directing business affairs in the Meadow City even outside of those concerns with which he was directly engaged. He had a wonderful magnetism, which asserted itself in various ways, not only in his affairs of business: but in his social and home life. He was a man of large heart, philanthropic and at the same time thoroughly democratic; and these qualities, together with a genial disposition, made him a host of loyal and loving friends and acquaintances. He was the same to rich and poor alike, and this accounts in large measure for the influence he had with his employees and

for the devotion the workingmen had for him. He was ever their friend and sympathizer."

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**F**RANCIS S. STEBBINS was a life-long resident of Granby, the date of his birth being August 22, 1812, and that of his death June 6, 1882. As the descendant of early settlers and a citizen whose memory is held in respect, he is deserving of honorable mention in this biographical volume. His father, John Stebbins, was born in this town, December 22, 1763, and from earliest manhood was identified with the agricultural interests of this section of Hampshire County, being one of its successful practical farmers. He died January 15, 1847. He was thrice married, his first wife being Susannah Warner, of Amherst, born October 16, 1772. Of this union six children were born: Ruth, Josephus, Aaron W., John A., Cyrus, and Susannah. His second wife was Jerusha Clark, of Amherst, born May 12, 1772. She bore him five children: Philena, Josephus, Lucius, Francis, and Simeon, all of whom, with the exception of Lucius, have passed to the life immortal. His last wife, sister of the second, was born in Amherst, December 13, 1767, and died June 30, 1855.

Francis S. Stebbins attended the district schools in his younger days, and when old enough to learn a trade selected that of a shoemaker, working at it industriously and until 1846, when failing health compelled him to seek some other occupation. Having been reared on a farm, and therefore familiar with its labors, he then turned his attention to agriculture in Granby, and in this pursuit also was prosperous, realizing both health and cash. He made excellent improvements on his farm, placing the fertile land in a good state of cultivation, and carrying on general farming with

satisfactory results, year by year adding to his possessions. Mr. Stebbins held a secure position in the esteem and respect of his neighbors, and, being public-spirited and of wise judgment, was prominent in local affairs, and served with acceptance in various offices of trust, as that of Surveyor and also of Assessor. He was domestic in his tastes, enjoying the quiet of his fireside, and was a kind husband, an obliging neighbor, and a most worthy and valued citizen.

On March 2, 1843, Mr. Stebbins was united in marriage with Miss Acelia R. Dickinson, who was born January 7, 1820, in Granby, where she has spent her entire years. Her parents, Abner M. Dickinson, born December, 1790, and Ruth Warner Dickinson, born August 26, 1794, were well-known members of the farming community of this locality, where they reared their five children: Lucilla F., Acelia R. (Mrs. Stebbins), Sophronia, Orpha C., and Clarissa.

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communion. After five years he removed to Wayne County, where he purchased a farm near Promise City. For a number of years he combined preaching and agricultural pursuits; but finally he gave his time wholly to the ministry, his last pastorate being at Lisbon, Ia.

Mr. Swain has four sisters. His oldest sister, Mary, who was born in England, now lives in Washington. His sisters Sarah, Clara, and Lauretta live near their old home in Wayne County. His brother John was killed by lightning when twenty-one years of age.

Richard L. completed his classical course in Western College, Iowa, took his divinity course in Union Biblical Seminary, Ohio, and pursued a course in philosophy at Yale and Otterbein. He also gave much attention to the study of music, and almost entirely defrayed the expenses of his education by teaching music. He was given license to preach when seventeen years of age; and, while he did not yet take a church, he preached frequently during his various courses of study. His first regular pastorate was in Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio, where he was college pastor and Lecturer on Evidences of Christianity for five and a half years. He was also one of the Trustees of the United Society of Christian Endeavor for about four years, which position he resigned on leaving Ohio for Massachusetts. He accepted a call to his present church in December, 1893, and was here installed on March 13, 1894. The church in South Hadley Falls is in a flourishing condition, with a membership of nearly three hundred and about the same number of families who look to this church for pastoral care.

While in college Mr. Swain was married to Miss Anna E. Shuey, who was a professor in

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**R**EV. RICHARD LARUE SWAIN, PH.D., pastor of the Congregational church in South Hadley Falls, was born in Jefferson County, Iowa, June 17, 1860. He is the son of the Rev. Richard and Sarah Elizabeth (Carr) Swain, who are now living retired in Promise City, Ia. His parents are natives of Leicestershire, England, and came to America in 1857. His father was taught the Catholic faith, but when twenty years of age joined the Wesleyan Methodist church, and became a licensed minister of that denomination, preaching for them until he came to this country.

In Jefferson County, Iowa, where he first located, he did not find the Wesleyan church, hence joined the United Brethren in Christ, and has since remained a minister of that

the college at that time. Her parents were William and Catherine (Baker) Shuey. Her father was a Captain in the late war, and after the war edited a paper in his college town. He died in 1876, from injuries received during the war. Mrs. Swain's mother now resides with her youngest daughter in Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Swain have four children: Richard S., Philip W., Esther Helen, and Stuart Frederick.

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**H**ORATIO BISBEE, an extensive real estate owner in Chesterfield, where he is actively engaged in farming, lumbering, and manufacturing, was born in this town, November 20, 1833, son of Orin and Wealthy (Damon) Bisbee, both natives of Chesterfield. Mr. Bisbee is of English descent. Some of his ancestors settled in Plymouth Colony less than twenty years after the landing of the Pilgrims. The names of John Bisbee and his son Gideon appear on the old records of Marshfield, Mass. Gideon Bisbee came to Chesterfield in 1755 and spent one summer, returning in the fall for his family and coming here the following spring just in time to engage in the French and Indian War. He died soon after with the small-pox. His widow, two sons, and two daughters then came to Chesterfield. Jotham Bisbee, son of Gideon, married Lydia, the daughter of Luther Curtis; and their son Elisha, who was one of a family of ten children, was the grandfather of Horatio Bisbee.

Orin Bisbee, son of Elisha, settled on a farm in the neighborhood of his son Horatio's present residence, and during his lifetime cultivated the soil for family needs, at the same time pursuing other occupations, working as a carpenter and joiner, later at wagon-making, and finally engaging in lumbering. He died July 24, 1887, at the age of eighty. His

wife, who is now eighty-five years old, is living at the homestead. They were the parents of the following children: Wealthy, wife of Chandler Macomber, of Chesterfield; Horatio; Mary, who died at the age of twenty-three; Lydia, wife of Joseph Macomber, one of the Selectmen of Chesterfield; Jane Z., widow of Cornelius Van Slike, who resides in Florence, Mass.; a child who died in infancy; and Almarin O., who married Martha Tilden and lives near his brother Horatio.

Horatio Bisbee received a good common-school education. When he was twenty-five years of age he purchased for a home the estate where he now lives, and has since been extensively engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He is sole proprietor of a grist-mill and a saw-mill, known throughout the county as Bisbee's Mills, which have been in possession of the family seventy-five years, and has the grain trade of the town, with customers also in Williamsburg and a large lumber business. He also has near his farm a whip-butt factory, which has a large output, many of the goods finding market in Westfield. Mr. Bisbee's real estate in all comprises about seven hundred and fifty acres. He is a man of rare business ability, and is acknowledged as such throughout the county. He has been Vice-President of the Hillside Agricultural Society ever since it was started, except two years, and is a Director in the Williamsburg Creamery Association.

On October 14, 1858, Mr. Bisbee was united in marriage with Louisa L., daughter of Lyman Rice, of Chesterfield, who was born July 6, 1837; and the following children were the fruit of their union: Mary L., who is with her parents; Willard Lyman, who died in early childhood; Charles Allen, who has charge of the grain business in Williamsburg, established by his father; and Homer Rice,



HORATIO BISBEE.



who is with his parents. Mr. Bisbee has given to all his children the advantages of a good education.

In politics Mr. Bisbee is a Republican. He is a prominent man in the town, where he has served as Selectman two years; and he is a Trustee of the Haydenville Savings Bank. He and his household attend the Congregational church in Chesterfield and take an active interest in church work. Mr. Bisbee is a member of an old and respected New England family, whose prestige he maintains in a creditable manner, having attained his present state of prosperity through his own enterprising industry. His portrait here given shows a man not afraid of hard work and one not accustomed to squander time, which, as Franklin says, is the stuff that life is made of.

**J**OHN C. AVERY, a well-known farmer of Huntington, in the south-west part of Hampshire County, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Westfield, Mass., August 11, 1843, son of John and Lydia Avery. Mr. Avery's father was born in Westfield, where he followed the occupation of a mechanic, and was also engaged in agriculture. He died in 1853. His wife, who was a native of Westfield, became the mother of five children, as follows: Dolly, who married Guy D. Green, an artist of Springfield, Mass.; Eliza, who married for her first husband Charles Chapin, and for her second, George Haven, and died in 1882; Lucinda, who married for her first husband Morgan King, and, for her second, John Hebron, and died in 1892; Isaac, who married Ellen Clark, and was accidentally killed at Norwich, Mass., in 1891; and John C., the subject of this sketch. The mother died in 1894, aged eighty-four years.

John C. Avery was reared to an agricultural life, and commenced to work for his own support at a very early age. He was then employed as a farm laborer until 1862, when he enlisted as a private in Company D, Thirty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, went to the front, and served through the most important period of the Civil War. He participated in the battles of Winchester, Cedar Creek, Hatch's Run, Piedmont, Lynchburg, Petersburg, Fisher's Hill, and was present at Lee's surrender. He was wounded in the left foot at the battle of Piedmont, January 5, 1864, and was confined to the hospital for four weeks. After his discharge from the service Mr. Avery returned to Westfield, and later went to New York, where he resided four years. In 1870 he came to Huntington, and engaged in buying and selling horses, and also in carrying on a farm. He raises some excellent cattle and poultry, and conducts a prosperous business in shipping his products to New York City. Mr. Avery is Republican in politics. He was a Selectman for three years, and is now serving as Constable. He is a comrade of Post No. 176, Grand Army of the Republic.

On January 21, 1874, Mr. Avery was united in marriage with Lucy Maria Porter, who was born in Huntington, June 23, 1849. Her parents were Seth and Maria Porter, her father having been a prosperous farmer and tanner. Mr. Avery and his wife have three children: Ogden Porter, Byron Lyman, and Jay Morton. Mr. and Mrs. Avery are members of the Congregational church.

**H**ENRY W. HILL, Town Clerk and Treasurer of Williamsburg, Mass., was born in this town, June 16, 1844, son of Otis and Philena (Packard) Hill.

Mr. Hill is a descendant of Samson Hill, who came from Hatfield to Williamsburg in 1775, and, clearing a good farm, resided thereon until his death, which occurred at the age of eighty years. Mr. Hill's grandfather, Ephraim Hill, succeeded to the ownership and occupation of the farm, and devoted his energies to its cultivation and improvement. He died in 1851, aged eighty years. His children were: Hiram, Russell, Calvin, Otis, Wealthy, Sarah, Cynthia, and Electa.

Otis Hill, the fourth son of Ephraim, as named above, was born in Williamsburg, April 1, 1808. After completing his studies in the district schools he taught school for several terms, and then in company with his brother Hiram engaged in the manufacturing of broom handles, wooden boxes, and buttons at the old mills, which were located just above the village. He later bought his brother's interest, and continued in business until failing health caused him to relinquish the enterprise, when he retired to the old homestead, where he passed the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits. Otis Hill was prominently identified with public affairs for many years. He followed the majority of the old Whig element into the ranks of the Republican party at its formation, and served as a Selectman for several years, was Town Clerk and Treasurer for twenty years, and in 1857 was a member of the House of Representatives. He died December 27, 1883. His wife, Philena Packard, became the mother of the following children: Lemira A., Melvin W., Hiram G., Henry W., and John W. Mrs. Philena P. Hill died in 1865, at the age of fifty-three years.

Henry W. Hill was educated in the schools of Williamsburg, and then entered mercantile business as a clerk for D. W. Lovell, in Cummington, Mass., where he remained a few months. In 1870 he engaged in running an

express from Williamsburg to Northampton, and three years later bought an interest in the button manufactory established by his brother, Hiram G. Hill. When the Co-operative Creamery was started, Mr. Hill was elected clerk and treasurer of that enterprise, a position which he still holds. He is a Republican in politics, and was School Committee for six years. He was elected Town Clerk and Treasurer in 1894, and is President of the Williamsburg Library Association.

On October 28, 1868, Mr. Hill was married to Mary S. Morton, daughter of Nehemiah M. and Asenath S. (Miller) Morton. Mr. Morton, who was a prosperous farmer of Williamsburg, died July 8, 1878. His widow is still living, and makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Hill. Of the two children born to Mr. Hill and his wife, the only son, named Harry, died in infancy. The daughter, Myra A., is now a student at Mount Holyoke College. The family attend the Congregational church, of which Mr. Hill is a Deacon, and has been for thirty years organist. Mr. Hill also owns real estate in the village, besides his very pleasant residence.

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**R**EV. JAMES BOYLE, rector of All Saints' Catholic Church at Ware, Hampshire County, Mass., is a native of Birkenhead, England, where he was born August 15, 1845.

His father, Nicholas Boyle, was a native of Ireland. He learned the trade of a stone mason, which he followed with success throughout his life. In 1848, accompanied by his wife and three children, he came to the United States, and settled at Dobbs Ferry, in Westchester County, New York, where he became a contractor. He was killed in a railroad accident when but thirty-seven years of

age, leaving his widow and five children, of whom those now living are: James; Margaret, of Washington, D.C., the widow of Samuel Watkins, a non-commissioned officer in the United States Navy, who died in middle life, leaving one son; and Lawrence Boyle, of New City, N.Y. Mrs. Boyle, whose maiden name was Mary Bray, and who was born in Dublin, Ireland, afterward married John Aungier, and had five children by this union. She died in 1878, at the age of fifty-two years.

James Boyle acquired his early education in the public schools, in 1870 entered the college at Allegany, N.Y., and later on attended the St. Theresa College in Canada. He obtained his theological education at the Grand Seminary of Saint Sulpice in Montreal, where he was ordained on the 18th of December, 1875. His first appointment was at Uxbridge, Mass., where he remained for two and a half years. From there he went to Springfield, and served as curate for three years, at the expiration of which time he was appointed rector of a parish in Grafton, Mass., remaining there from 1881 to 1887. On February 8, 1887, he was appointed to the parish at Ware. The society was then worshipping in an old church adjoining the Catholic cemetery on the Palmer road; but in the following year work was begun on the present fine large brick edifice, known as All Saints' Catholic Church, which was completed in November, 1894, at a cost of about one hundred thousand dollars. Father Boyle now has under his charge about two thousand souls, and the church is in a prosperous condition.

Although only in his sixteenth year when the patriotism of the North was aroused by the siege and fall of Fort Sumter in April, 1861, James Boyle was among those who rendered efficient service during the great civil strife

that followed, having entered the army as a volunteer in May, 1861, from New York City. He enlisted in Company C of the Thirty-seventh New York Regiment, and served as private, Corporal, and Sergeant until November, 1862, at which time he was promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant. At the battle of Williamsburg, Va., May 5, 1862, he was wounded by a gunshot which passed through his left wrist; and, after being in the hospital at Baltimore a short time, he returned home on a furlough, but within six weeks was with his company again. He was with his regiment in the second battle of Bull Run, in the battles of Chantilly, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville, and was mustered out of service with his regiment on the 22d of June, 1863, the regimental term of service having expired several days previous to that date.

In political views Father Boyle is a Republican, and has served on various town committees, among others the building committee of the new high school. He is also an active temperance worker, and has won the esteem and respect of many besides his parishioners. He is a member of the Third Army Corps Union, the Society of the Army of the Potomac, and also of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.



WILLIAM D. BILLINGS, Town Clerk of Hatfield, was born in this town, August 5, 1832, son of John A. and Clarissa (Dickinson) Billings. The Billings family have resided in Hatfield for more than two hundred years, having been large land-owners and extensive farmers, and figuring prominently in the development of the town's prosperity. They are descendants of Richard and Margery Billings, who emigrated

from England, were residents of Hartford, Conn., in 1640, and settled in Hatfield in 1661. The original farm which Richard Billings improved is now owned and occupied by Mrs. J. D. Billings, her husband being a direct descendant of Richard.

Richard Billings died in 1679, leaving one son, Samuel, who was born in Connecticut and died in Hatfield. He married Sarah Fellows, and his children were: Samuel; Ebenezer; Richard; John, who was liked by the Indians; and Sarah. Samuel Billings, second, was born in Hatfield, and succeeded to the possession of the homestead. He married Hannah Wright, and was the father of Sarah, Joseph, Zechariah, and Benjamin. Zechariah Billings followed agricultural pursuits in Hatfield, and died in 1771. He married Ruth Meekins; and they were the parents of David, Sybil, Lydia, and Silas.

Captain Silas Billings, great-grandfather of William D., was born in Hatfield, November 3, 1741. He bought a farm lying directly opposite to the old homestead and became a prosperous farmer. He died in Hatfield, June 6, 1808. He was a member of the Congregational church. He married Miriam Dickinson, who lived to reach the age of ninety years, and died in 1836. Their children were: Joseph, Erastus, Roswell, and Ruth. Colonel Erastus Billings, Mr. Billings's grandfather, was born June 30, 1778, and died October 27, 1838. A thrifty man, the owner of a large estate, he was influential in public affairs, serving with ability in important town offices, and was Colonel of a regiment of cavalry. He was a Whig in politics and a Congregationalist in religion. He married Abigail Allis, who was born in 1779; and she became the mother of four children: Fanny, Silas, John A., and Erastus. Mrs. Abigail Billings died in 1829.

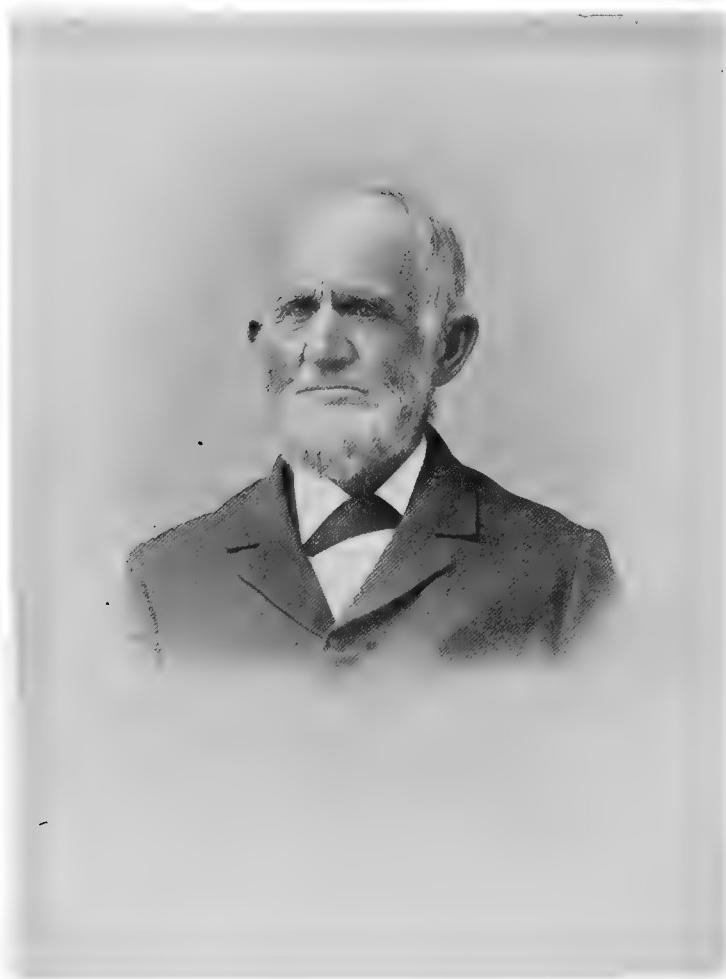
John A. Billings was born in Hatfield, Feb-

ruary 22, 1806. In early manhood he went to Avon, N. Y., where he purchased a farm, but after residing there for four years he sold the property and returned to his native town. He bought the farm which is now owned by S. F. Billings, and in 1856 built the present farm residence. He was a Republican in politics, and became prominently identified with public affairs, serving as a Selectman and Assessor. John A. Billings died May 27, 1886. His wife, Clarissa Dickinson, was born April 1, 1805. They had four children, two of whom grew to maturity, namely: Frances, born July 12, 1830, who died December 12, 1882; and William D., the subject of this sketch. Louisa, born September 4, 1840, died August 22, 1843; and Willard W., born August 22, 1845, died September 28, 1845. The mother died February 28, 1872.

William D. Billings commenced his education at Williston Seminary, and completed his studies at the Monson Academy. He engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1860, when he formed a partnership with H. P. Billings, with whom he conducted a general mercantile business in Hatfield for five years, at the expiration of which period he retired from trade. Resuming farming at the old homestead, which fell to his possession, Mr. Billings resided there until 1886, when he sold the property. Mr. Billings is a Republican in politics, and has always actively supported that party. He has served as an Assessor twenty-three years, since 1863; and in 1858 he was elected Town Clerk, a position which he has since filled with marked ability and efficiency. He has recopied with utmost care the town records, which date from the original settlement in 1660, and has placed them in perfect order for reference, a work whose importance and value it would be difficult to overestimate.

On October 14, 1863, Mr. Billings was





FLAVEL GAYLORD.

united in marriage with Mary L. Warner, a native of Hatfield. She was born on November 26, 1838, daughter of James W. and Louisa B. (Longley) Warner, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer of Hatfield. Mr. and Mrs. Billings have been called to part with one of their two children, namely: Louisa D., who was born March 4, 1868, and died January 14, 1874. Her sister, Clarissa D., born September 10, 1873, is now the wife of Frederick U. Wells, of Springfield, Mass.

FLAVEL GAYLORD, a well-to-do farmer of Amherst, Mass., a man of ability and integrity, prominent in public affairs, was born at Windsor Locks, Conn., April 27, 1827, son of Eleazer and Hannah (Haskell) Gaylord. His first ancestor in this country, whose name was William Gaylord, came from England to America in 1630. He had a grant of land in Dorchester, Mass., in 1633, and there held the office of Selectman; but in 1638 he removed to Windsor, Conn., where he died in 1673, aged eighty-eight. He is said to have served as a member of the General Court during forty-one semi-annual sessions. He was a landed proprietor, and was a Deacon of the church at Windsor. He had four sons and one daughter, his eldest son also bearing the name of William. In the second volume of Stiles's "History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor," it is stated that Nathaniel Gaylord, son of the second William, took his portion of his father's estate at Pine Meadow, now Windsor Locks, of which he was the second settler. Nathaniel's son Nathaniel was the father of Eliakim, who was born in 1717, and married Elizabeth Hayden. Flavel Gaylord's grandfather, Eleazer Gaylord, born in 1753, son of Eliakim, was a life-long resident of Windsor Locks, where he was

engaged in farming; but his son and namesake, who was born there October 11, 1785, moved to Amherst in 1827.

He settled on the farm where his son Flavel now lives, and was an industrious and successful farmer and a prominent man in the town. In politics a stanch Whig, he was also an abolitionist. Eleazer Gaylord, the younger, served as Selectman of Amherst for some time. In the Congregational church he was Deacon nearly thirty-five years, and a zealous worker for the good of the parish. His death occurred in August, 1865, while he was on a visit in New Haven. His wife, Hannah Haskell, was born in Connecticut, November 4, 1787, and became Mrs. Gaylord in February, 1819. She died October 7, 1830, leaving five children, Flavel, the youngest, being then only in his fourth year. The eldest, Martha, born March 14, 1821, is the wife of the Rev. Nelson Scott, residing in Amherst. Frances Gaylord, born March 18, 1822, married George Cutler; and they also reside in Amherst. Eleazer Gaylord, born November 22, 1823, is a farmer in Melrose, Wis. Ebenezer, born September 18, 1825, is a retired grocer in New Haven, Conn.

Flavel Gaylord was educated in the schools of Amherst, finishing his studies at the academy. He owns and occupies the old Gaylord place and gives his attention to general farming and dairying. His farm, which comprised one hundred and ten acres when his father took possession of it, he has enlarged and improved, making it one of the finest in the vicinity. The fine old house is one of the landmarks of Amherst. It is solidly built and of generous proportions, the clapboards being all handmade, the nails forged by hand; and there is a fireplace in almost every room. Mr. Gaylord is quite an extensive real estate owner, being the landlord of several residences in the village.

On June 7, 1855, he was united in marriage with Fidelia S., daughter of Dennis and Amelia (Turner) Howe. Mrs. Gaylord was born in North Brookfield, Mass., August 17, 1828. Dennis Howe was a miller. He was born in Spencer, and died in that town at the age of sixty-nine. His widow, Mrs. Amelia T. Howe, who is now ninety-five years of age and is living with her daughter, Mrs. Gaylord, is a native of Pelham. Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord have one son, Walter F., who works in the paper-mills in Holyoke. Flavel Gaylord votes the Republican ticket, and is prominent in town affairs. He has been County Commissioner twelve years continuously, has served as Selectman three years, as Assessor for some time, and has held other offices. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church. Mr. Gaylord is the oldest resident in the part of the town where he lives.

A portrait of this well-known and highly esteemed citizen will be seen on a neighboring page.

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**J**OHN FULLER, an enterprising farmer, stock-grower, and cattle dealer, residing in the town of Granby, Mass., is a native of Hampden County, born November 14, 1854, at Chicopee Falls. His father, John A. Fuller, was born and reared in Spencer, Worcester County. He married a Miss Carver, of Chicopee, and located in Ludlow, Hampden County, where he was engaged for some time in farming, also carrying on an extensive trade in cattle, going thence to Chicopee Falls, where he was similarly engaged. He subsequently spent a short time in Ludlow, coming from there to Hampshire County, and settling at first near the village of Granby, but afterward purchasing the farm now owned and occupied by his son, above named. Here he continued as a tiller of the soil until his

death, June 6, 1891. His wife having died in 1854, leaving but one child, John, he had lived a widower for twoscore years.

John Fuller has spent the larger part of his life in Granby, where he acquired his education in the district schools. He began his life work by assisting on the farm, in addition to which labors he also made much money by buying and selling cattle. On the death of his father Mr. Fuller succeeded to the ownership of the estate, and he has since conducted general farming with excellent pecuniary results. He also continues dealing in stock, and makes a business of butchering cattle and selling dressed beef to the markets, a most lucrative industry. In politics Mr. Fuller is a firm supporter of the principles promulgated by the Republican party, and uniformly casts his vote for their nominees.

Mr. Fuller's first wife, formerly Emily Bartlett, to whom he was united June 11, 1877, died on the 27th of the following November. On December 25, 1879, he married Miss Ella Clark, of South Hadley Falls, who died on Christmas Day, 1883, leaving him one child, George Albert. On December 25, 1884, Mr. Fuller was again married, Mrs. Charlotte Keith, a native of Northampton, a daughter of Esquire Zebina Squires and the widow of the late Henry Keith, becoming his third wife. Of this union six children have been born, namely: Henry Russell, born August 29, 1886; John Robert, born in 1889; Percy Worthington, born in 1891; Roy Dowling, born in 1892; Charles Milton, born in December, 1893; and Raymond Lee, born in 1895.

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**E**BENEZER COOLIDGE RICHARDSON, M.D., who was for forty-three years a prominent physician in Ware, was born at Townsend, Mass., April 25, 1820,

and died in Ware, January 10, 1886. He was the only son of Dr. Samuel Richardson and Polly (Kidder) Richardson, the latter a niece of the famous Dr. Moses Kidder, of Lowell. His only sister, Harriet Richardson Gardner, died in Paris, March 4, 1871. Dr. Richardson graduated from Harvard Medical College in 1842, and in that year settled in Ware. He acquired an extensive practice there and in the surrounding towns, and became widely known. Dr. Richardson was entirely devoted to his profession. In him were combined all the qualities of a successful practitioner. He was highly valued in consultation with prominent physicians throughout Massachusetts. He was a member of the Massachusetts Medical Association. He was also connected with the Brookfield Medical Club, and was surgeon of the Ware J. W. Lawton Grand Army Post. At the time of the Civil War Dr. Richardson accepted a government appointment as surgeon of the Board of Enrolment for the Ninth District of Massachusetts, being stationed at Greenfield. Returning to Ware after a little more than two years' service, he resumed his practice, and in the succeeding year was appointed the district examining surgeon for government pensions. Dr. Richardson was an accomplished musician, being more than ordinarily skilful on the violin. His sensitive musical temperament enabled him to enter deeply into the feelings of others. He was always good to the poor and distressed, in many instances refusing pay for his services. He was a member of the East Congregational Church of Ware for thirty years.

Shortly after coming to Ware, Dr. Richardson married Clara Reed Hartwell, the only daughter of Captain Joseph Hartwell, of Ware. Capt. Hartwell had served in nearly all the more important offices in the gift of the town,

and had represented the district in the legislature of 1863. His wife was before marriage Clarissa Reed, whose home was the famous old Reed castle, in Bolton, Mass. Mrs. Clara (Hartwell) Richardson was born April 15, 1830, at Ware. She received her education in the schools of Ware and the Belchertown Academy, then conducted by Mr. J. F. Pearl. She also passed her examinations for Mount Holyoke Seminary. She studied vocal and instrumental music in Boston, and was an accomplished musician. A prominent feature of former times were the musical festivals given in Ware, Brookfield, and neighboring towns. In these Dr. and Mrs. Richardson took active part as soloists. Mrs. Richardson was a woman of great strength of character, yet she had a manner that charmed young and old alike. Love was the key-note of her life—love to God and man. She ever exercised a broad charity; and, with her farsighted judgment and gentle words and deeds of kindness, she will long live in the hearts of her many friends, a beautiful and blessed memory. She died August 17, 1895. Five children survive her: Mari Anita, wife of Marshall Otis West, a successful manufacturer of Port Chester, N. Y.; Carrie Virginia, wife of Edwin Howard Baker, who is connected with the firm of Wright, Bliss & Fabyan, of New York; Harriet Gardner, wife of Osborne Mowry Billings, of St. Louis, Mo.; Martha Reed, wife of Dr. William Oliver Barrett, a well-known dentist of Ware; and Charlotte Houghton Richardson, of Ware, Mass.

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**J**AMES FORSYTH, a highly respected citizen of Williamsburg and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Chester County, England, August 4, 1828, son of Andrew and Anna (Hackett) Forsyth.

Mr. Forsyth's father was a native of Paisley, Scotland. He learned the trade of a silk weaver in Chester County, England, and followed that occupation through life. In 1857 he came to live with his son James in the United States, but in 1858 returned to England on a visit, and died there, aged seventy-five. Andrew Forsyth was the father of thirteen children, three of whom died young, and ten reached maturity; namely, John, James, William, Andrew, Thomas, Joseph, Mary, Hattie, Eliza, and Martha. Their mother died in this country in 1873.

At an early age James Forsyth entered the silk-mills in England, where he acquired the trade of a silk weaver, and became an expert workman. When he was twenty years old, he came to the United States, and obtained his first employment in this country at Lyman's wagon factory in Manchester, Conn., where he worked one winter. He then secured a position as overseer and inspector in Thompsonville, Conn., from which place he came to Williamsburg, Mass., and was employed in the button factory of Thayer Brothers for one year, going thence to Northampton for the purpose of learning the trade of a wood turner. The skill acquired in this useful craft he was not long, it may be believed, in turning to good account. After spending a year in manufacturing bedsteads in Chester, Mass., he returned to Williamsburg, where he was engaged for five years in Thayer's cabinet shops, and then went to Hadley to work for J. Adams in turning hubs. In 1862 he enlisted as a private in Company H, Fifty-second Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, for nine months' service in the Civil War, and faithfully discharged his duties in the ranks until overcome by illness at Baton Rouge, from which place he was sent to the Marine Hospital in New Orleans. After hav-

ing served eleven months, he received his discharge from the army, and, recovering his health, returned to the employ of W. E. Thayer in Williamsburg, where he has since remained, being one of the most skilful workmen in his trade. He purchased a house in the village, but later sold that property, and moved to the vicinity of Skinnerville, and while residing there had the misfortune to lose his entire possessions in the flood of 1874, his family barely escaping with their lives. Being a man of energy and perseverance, he recovered from his losses, and now owns one of the most pleasant residences in the village.

On March 18, 1854, Mr. Forsyth was married to Margaret A. Stewart, who was born in Dublin, Ireland. Her father, Alexander Stewart, who was a prosperous farmer, of Scotch ancestry, is now dead. Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth have had four children, as follows: Anna, who married W. W. Nash, a farmer of Williamsburg, and has three children—Grace, Gertrude, and Ethel; Ellen I., who married W. E. Smith, a progressive farmer of North Chester, and has one daughter—Mabel; James A., who married Florence J. Merriam, and died at the age of twenty-five, having one son—Richard J.; and William A., a twin brother to James A., who married Margaret Joice, and resides in Paterson, N.J., having four children. Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Forsyth is a Republican in politics and a comrade of Post 86, Grand Army of the Republic.

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WELLS BRAINARD, a successful farmer of South Hadley Falls, son of Robert and Mercy (Snow) Brainard, was born June 19, 1839, upon the farm





JOSEPH H. SHEARN.

he now owns and occupies. Mr. Brainard's grandfather, Robert Brainard, Sr., a native of Haddam, Conn., moved to South Hadley Falls in 1805, and was the first Methodist to settle in the town. He purchased a farm, which he improved, and resided thereon until his death.

Robert Brainard, the younger, succeeded to the possession of the property and conducted it successfully until his death, which occurred February 2, 1871. He was a prominent citizen and for many years held the office of Selectman and Overseer of the Poor. His wife, Mercy Snow Brainard, who was born in South Hadley Falls, became the mother of five children, as follows: Olive, who married Edward Lester, of South Hadley Falls, and now resides at South Hadley; Mercy Ann, who married Edward Judd, and died at the age of thirty-nine; Wells, the subject of this sketch; William, who died in infancy; and Julia, who married Theodore P. Palmer, of Miller's Falls, Mass. The mother died June 4, 1894, at the age of ninety-five.

Wells Brainard was reared to an agricultural life, obtaining his education in the public schools near his home. Later on in his youth he was sent to Wilbraham School, where he completed a business course, returning at the age of twenty-one to work on the farm. After the death of his father he took charge of the farm, and by dint of hard labor has brought it up to its present standard. Pleasantly situated, with a broad and picturesque view, for a country home Mr. Brainard's place is unsurpassed. Mr. Brainard married Adaline Wilson, of Belchertown, Mass., and they have had six children, three of whom are living; namely, Harry E., Gertrude Evelyn, and Winnie May. Lilla A. died at the age of seven years; William Erwin died at the age of fourteen; and Robert C., aged ten months.

**J**OSEPH H. SHEARN, general superintendent of the three mills belonging to the Nonotuck Silk Company at Leeds, Mass., is a native of Somersetshire, England. He was born in 1847. His grandfather, Samuel Shearn, was a lifelong resident of Somersetshire, being one of the English yeomanry and the owner of an estate which has been in the family many generations. He reared nine children, six sons and three daughters, the most of whom have remained in their native land.

Austin Shearn, one of the six sons of Samuel, was born in Somersetshire in 1820. He married Sarah Cottrell, and in 1854 came with his family to America, embarking on the famous ship "Constellation," which brought one thousand passengers, being but six weeks on her voyage. Locating in New Jersey he resumed merchandising, in which he had formerly been engaged on the Channel Islands; but he subsequently lived a few years in Leeds, coming here in 1861, and being employed as a commercial traveller, running his own team and dealing in tea and coffee. He finally bought a farm in Easthampton, where he spent the last decade of his years, but died in Haydenville in 1892. Six children were born to him and his wife, namely: Charlotte, who married Charles Scrivener, of Jersey City, N.J., and died at the age of thirty-five years, leaving five children; Louisa, the wife of Martin Flagg, of Northampton; Frances, wife of Samuel Ewing, who is her second husband, her first husband having been Stanley Howard; Joseph H., the subject of this biography; Frederick S., an instructor in music at Northampton; and Charles, an employee of the Belding Silk Company at Northampton.

Joseph H. Shearn was educated in the public schools in New Jersey and at Leeds, beginning at the age of twelve years, when not in

school, to work in the mill in which he is now employed. He was earnest and faithful wherever placed, and was gradually promoted through the different departments of the mills until reaching his present responsible position, which he has held for a score of years, his long tenure of office being strong evidence of the value placed upon his services. This plant, in which Mr. Shearn is one of the stockholders, is one of the finest in its construction and equipments of any in the State, and gives steady employment to about one thousand hands.

On May 26, 1869, Mr. Shearn was united in marriage with Miss Mary Kearney, of Leeds, a daughter of the late Robert J. Kearney, who was a native of Ireland and a graduate of the Dublin University. Their pleasant wedded pathway has been brightened by the birth of two children, Clarence J. and Edith G. Clarence is a graduate of the New York Law School, and now a promising young lawyer of New York City, being the managing attorney with Einstein & Townsend. A brilliant student from his early years, he was graduated from the Northampton High School when but sixteen years of age and from Cornell University in the class of 1890 with high honors. Edith, having early manifested artistic taste and ability, pursued the study of art at Smith College for a while, and later at the Art Students' League in New York City. She is now cultivating her talent in Paris, having gone abroad for that purpose the second time. Her attention, however, is not wholly devoted to the use of the pencil and brush, Miss Shearn also taking pleasure in music and playing both the guitar and the piano.

As a citizen Mr. Shearn is held in great esteem, his judgment in local affairs being everywhere respected. He is a stanch member of the Republican party, ever ready to forward its

interests, and has served as Alderman two years and as a member of the Common Council one year. He is a Master Mason, a member of Jerusalem Lodge of Northampton. Religiously, he and his wife are liberal, and attend the meetings of the Cosmian Hall Society of Florence.

The accompanying portrait of Mr. Shearn will be recognized at a glance by his friends and acquaintances.

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**J**AMES A. BYRNS, a successful and enterprising baker of Ware, was born in Framingham, Mass., September 8, 1849. He acquired his education in the schools of Ware. When he was eighteen years of age he left the high school to work in his father's bakery. He continued in the employ of his father until the death of the latter, which occurred April 3, 1890. He succeeded his father, and by close attention and careful management he has considerably increased the good business which, by many years of patient labor and persevering effort, his father had established. He sells both at wholesale and retail, and gives employment to ten men. He uses three wagons in delivering his goods. Mr. Byrns resides at 64 West Street. The building next to his residence is occupied by the bakery, and was erected by his father more than twenty-five years ago. In politics Mr. Byrns is a Democrat; and, though having little desire for official position, he has, nevertheless, during the past two years served acceptably as a member of the Board of Water Commissioners.

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**W**ILLARD A. TAYLOR, a farmer and insurance agent residing on the homestead farm in Granby, where his birth occurred June 19, 1848, is one of the

substantial citizens of the place and a representative of one of the first settlers of this section of the county. He traces his ancestry back through several generations to Ebenezer Taylor, one of the three original settlers of Granby. Ebenezer's grandson, Levi, who was great-grandfather of the present Willard A., served in the Revolutionary War at the age of sixteen. It is related of the youthful soldier that his mother's parting injunction was, "Levi, never let me hear of your being a coward."

George W. Taylor, the father of Willard A., spent his entire life on the ancestral acres. He was born July 17, 1814, and departed this life August 3, 1887. His wife, Elvira L. Knight, was born in Brimfield, Mass., January 5, 1817, and died December 10, 1883. He succeeded to the family estate and followed the occupation of his father, which was that of general husbandry. Two children were born to him and his wife, namely: Willard A., the subject of this sketch; and Abbie W., the wife of Arthur W. Fiske, a well-known farmer of Granby. Both children received a good education, Mrs. Fiske having completed her school life at Mount Holyoke Seminary.

Willard A. Taylor, born and bred to farming, is continually improving the estate, which is one of the oldest and best cared for in the county. It has been in the Taylor family for more than one hundred and fifty years, as shown by the deed, bounding the homestead on common land, bearing the date of 1744. He, as well as his present wife, has also been a teacher in the public schools.

Mr. Taylor has been twice married. His first marriage was with Ruth S. Lyman, a native of Huntington and the daughter of the late Jairus Lyman, and was performed December 6, 1877. Their married life was of brief duration, as her death occurred August 19,

1884, no issue being left. On the second occasion, October 21, 1886, Mr. Taylor was united to Miss Clara L. Goldthwait, who was born in Glastonbury, Conn., May 4, 1856, being a daughter of Ebenezer Goldthwait, a prosperous farmer. Of this union there has been one child born, named George Goldthwait Taylor. Mr. Taylor has always been actively identified with the best interests of the town. He has taken special interest in the schools, and has been for many years, and is still, a member of the School Committee. He is also a Trustee of the free public library, in the establishment of which he took an active part. He is prominent in political affairs, being an earnest Republican, and being now one of the Republican Town Committee. To the advancement of the moral and religious welfare of the town, he contributes his full share of effort. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are valued members of the Congregational church, he being superintendent of the Sunday-school connected with that organization.

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**H**ON. GEORGE HENRY BARTLETT GREEN. This gentleman is one of the foremost young men of Hampshire County and has filled many important positions of public trust with marked ability. His birth occurred at Southampton, Mass., in December, 1845. He is a son of Francis D. Bartlett, who was born at Westhampton in 1822.

His grandfather, Delano Bartlett, a native of Westhampton, Mass., settled in 1826 at Blandford, Hampshire County, where he followed his trade of a blacksmith. He removed in 1840 to a farm in Southampton, which he conducted in connection with his trade for more than half a century. He married Sally Sikes, daughter of Increase Sikes, of Ludlow, Mass.; and they reared a family of eight chil-

dren. Francis D. Bartlett received a common-school education, and during his later youth was engaged in agricultural pursuits. When a young man he acquired the trade of a carriage blacksmith, and in 1842 settled in Belchertown, being there employed by Nehemiah Smith. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Y. Bennett, was a daughter of Charles and Sally (Young) Bennett. Their union was blessed with two sons, Alonzo F. and George Henry.

The father being removed by death while the children were yet infants, and the young mother being unable to provide for both, the younger, George Henry, was offered a home with his uncle, Reuben Green, who, being without children, treated him as a son; and, although never legally adopted, he was always known by the name of Green. The educational facilities afforded to the lad were meagre; but by perseverance and the proper application of his leisure time he succeeded in perfecting himself in the elementary branches to an extent which was sufficient to secure his entrance to the Wesleyan Academy, where he remained for a time; and he subsequently taught school for twenty-five terms in all. At the death of his uncle he inherited the latter's property by will, and still resides upon the farm, which consists of one hundred and forty-five acres, situated in the south-western section of Belchertown and known as "The Folly."

On May 4, 1869, Mr. Green was most happily married to Nancy Howe, daughter of George C. and Sophia (Burnett) Sanford, of Belchertown, and of their eight children five are now living, namely: Iva Louise; Sarah Sanford; Harriett Sophia; Clayton Reuben; and George Henry Bartlett, Jr. Of these Iva Louise was married October 8, 1890, to Lurin Eugene White, of Chicago, son of Wil-

bur S. and Orrilla C. White, of Belchertown, and has one son, named Carlton Vannice. Sarah Sanford is the wife of Addison D. Moore, Jr., son of Addison D. and Kate (Buckingham) Moore, of Belchertown. Their eldest son, Carlton Dewitt, who was born October 21, 1871, was a very bright and promising youth. After graduating at the head of his class from the Belchertown High School he became a student at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, and in November, 1890, he entered the employ of the Otis Company at Palmer, Mass., where he attained rapid advancement, and established for himself a remarkable record as an accountant by adjusting the entire pay-roll of more than one thousand employees, whose wages varied to a considerable extent, without a single error. He was called from earth in the very springtime of his life, on January 11, 1892, beloved and respected by all who knew him.

Mr. Green conducts general farming and dairying, but makes a specialty of raising fruit, at which he is an expert, having in his extensive orchard upward of one hundred and fifty varieties of apples, pears, peaches, and grapes; and he has secured many premiums for his beautiful fruit displays. He is an active member of Union Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and a Director and Secretary of the Belchertown Creamery Association.

Mr. Green is an earnest supporter of the principles of the Republican party, which he has so faithfully and honorably represented in the various important offices he has been called upon to fill, and where he has displayed a rare knowledge of public affairs, together with a judicious understanding of their proper administration. He has served as a member of the School Board since 1876, and has been an Assessor eight years. He was a member of the House of Representatives in the State legis-





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lature of 1892, and was in the Senate in 1893 and 1894. During his legislative service he was a member of various committees, including Education, Public Health, Labor, Libraries, and Printing, being chairman of the three last named.

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**J**OHN F. AIKEN, a prosperous farmer of Prescott, Mass., was born upon the farm which he now owns and occupies, February 9, 1835, son of Benjamin and Lucinda (Paul) Aiken. Mr. Aiken's paternal grandfather was an early settler in Hardwick, Worcester County, where he followed agricultural pursuits during his entire life.

Benjamin Aiken was born in Hardwick and reared to farm life. He settled in Prescott upon the farm where his son, John F., now resides, and conducted it successfully for many years. He was an able and industrious farmer, and improved his property to a considerable extent, erecting the present buildings, which were the best and most substantial in town at that time. He died at the age of fifty-two years. His wife, Lucinda Paul, who was born in Berkley, Bristol County, became the mother of six children, four of whom are now living, namely: Benjamin P., a resident of West Brookfield; Mary, widow of Elbridge Ruggles, residing in Hardwick; James N., who resides in Prescott; and John F., the subject of this sketch, who is the youngest. The others, now departed, were: Julia, Mrs. Shaw; and Sarah, Mrs. Gould. The mother lived to reach the age of eighty-nine years.

John F. Aiken was educated in the district schools of his native town, and at an early age commenced to assist his father in the lighter labors of the farm. When he was nineteen he took charge of the farm, and at the age of twenty-one he purchased the homestead. He has added to the property since taking posses-

sion, and now owns eighty-five acres of well-improved land, which he conducts with ability and success. In connection with general farming he makes a specialty of fruit growing and dairying, and keeps a herd of from ten to twenty cows. He is a Democrat in politics, and was a member of the Board of Selectmen for two terms.

On December 21, 1859, Mr. Aiken was united in marriage to Mary A. Lovering, who was born in Spencer, Mass., September 16, 1841. Mr. and Mrs. Aiken have had five children, as follows: Elmer M., who was born July 16, 1863, and resides at home; Fidelia P., born April 25, 1867, and now the wife of Henry F. Drury; Luella F., born October 26, 1869, residing in Athol, Mass.; Estella and Florence, who are no longer living.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Aiken are members of the Congregational church. Mr. Aiken is an old and highly esteemed resident of Prescott; and his son, Elmer M., who is a well-known and progressive young man, is now a member of the Board of Selectmen of the town.

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**J**ACOB CARL, whose portrait is presented in connection with this biographical notice, is a prosperous tobacco grower and real estate owner of Hatfield, Mass., where he has made his home upward of forty years. He was born in Walldorf, Kingdom of Saxony, Germany, August 20, 1834, son of Christian and Maria (Hirsh) Carl. Mr. Carl's parents were thrifty farming people, who emigrated to the United States in 1855, and resided in Hatfield during the remainder of their lives. Christian Carl died at the age of sixty-two years. He was the father of the following children: Catherine, Dorothy, Jacob, Margaret, Minnie, Frederick, Philip, and John.

Jacob Carl was educated in Germany, and in 1854, when about twenty years of age, came to the United States. He settled in Hatfield, where he and his brother Frederick purchased the farm which the latter now owns. Industrious, painstaking, and capable, he realized good pecuniary results from his labors; and ten years later, selling his interest in that property, he bought the Amariah Strong farm situated near the Hatfield station, which he improved by building a new barn and remodelling the other buildings. He resided there for twelve years, during which time he was successful in the cultivation of tobacco and did a great deal of teaming. He finally sold the Strong farm and bought the T. Bagg property, which consists of fifteen acres, and is considered one of the best farms for the raising of tobacco in Hatfield. He devotes ten acres annually to the cultivation of tobacco, and is looked upon as producing the finest crops in the Connecticut valley.

He was an inspector of tobacco for F. C. Linde, Hamilton & Co., acting as their agent for twenty-two years; but in 1895 he resigned in favor of his son, who is now filling his place. In 1893 Mr. Carl erected a handsome residence, enlarged his tobacco sheds, and increased his storage facilities. He deals largely in leaf tobacco, buying from the farmers and shipping it to market. He has invested to a considerable extent in real estate; and, besides possessing several pieces of valuable farm property, he owns the G. Waite house on Main Street, a new and handsome residence, containing all modern improvements.

On February 26, 1864, Mr. Carl was united in marriage to Abbie Partenheimer. She was born in Germany, daughter of Wendell Partenheimer, a weaver by trade, who emigrated to the United States and settled in Leeds, Mass. He became a respected citizen, and died at an

advanced age. Mr. and Mrs. Carl are the parents of three children, as follows: Nellie A., who married George Belden, and resides in North Hatfield; Henry W., who assists his father and is an inspector of tobacco; and Emma L., an accomplished musician, who resides at home. Mr. Carl's success in life is due to patient industry and sound judgment in the management of affairs. He is a thoroughly competent farmer, an intelligent and useful citizen, possessing the esteem and confidence of his fellow-townsman. He is a Republican in politics and liberal in his religious views.

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**R**USSELL R. PACKARD, who during the past fifteen years has served as Clerk of the town of Cummington, Hampshire County, of which place he is a highly esteemed and respected citizen, was born here on June 2, 1828, son of Leonard and Martha (Jenkins) Packard.

Leonard Packard was a native of Goshen, Mass., where his birth occurred on February 23, 1801. During the early years of his manhood he was engaged as a carpenter and millwright in different places; but later on in his life he purchased a farm at Spruce Corner, Mass., and there devoted his attention principally to agricultural pursuits. From Spruce Corner he removed to Williamsburg, Mass., and worked several years at carpentering and mill work. Then he removed to Rocky Hill, Conn., was married again, and lived there, working at carpenter's and mill work for quite a number of years. After the death of his last wife he came to Cummington, Mass., and spent his remaining days with his son Russell. His wife, Martha Jenkins, to whom he was married in 1826, bore him three children as follows: Russell R.; Mitchell, born July 3,

1834; and Martha, born on January 29, 1836. The mother died in 1844, at the age of forty-three years, and the father on March 28, 1892. He was a Whig in political affiliation until that party was succeeded by the Republican party, of which he then became an adherent. In religious views he was liberal.

Russell R. Packard began when fourteen years of age to learn the trade of a carpenter. During the winters that followed he was employed at Williamsburg, Mass., making tools in the factory. From the latter place he went to Swift River, Mass., where he purchased of L. H. Bates a farm of seventy acres; and for ten years he turned his attention to agriculture with good success, during his residence there making various improvements in both buildings and farm. At the expiration of that time he sold out and bought the Nelson place in Cummington, to the appearance and comfort of which he has since greatly added. After removing to Cummington he learned watch-making of Mr. Brown, and has since engaged in that business, in which he has as yet no competitor. On September 16, 1849, he was united in marriage with Miss Rhoda Willcutt, who was born in Chesterfield, Mass., on May 22, 1831, and died March 29, 1893. She was a daughter of Joel and Malency (Bates) Willcutt. Their union was blessed by the birth of four children, three sons and a daughter, as follows: Almon, born in 1850, died in 1850; Lucinda A., born January 20, 1852, is the wife of Edward Bartlett, by whom she has had four children — Lena, who died in childhood, Howard, Roland, and Amy — the family residing in Lorain, Ohio; Mitchell M., born May 15, 1863, died October 12, 1873; and Kimball M., born February 17, 1876, lives at home.

Mr. Packard has held various offices of responsibility and trust, in all of which he has

served with honor to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. In 1880 he was chosen Town Clerk, of which office he is still the incumbent. Among the other offices in which he has served may be mentioned that of Town Treasurer, to which he was elected March 14, 1887, and which he still retains, and that of Collector, which he held for three years. He has also acted as Sealer of Weights and Measures, and as Justice of the Peace two terms. Since 1880 he has served as Treasurer of the Hillside Agricultural Society, and has been Treasurer of the Cummington Co-operative Creamery Association ever since 1889.

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**E**GBERT S. WARNER, a prominent farmer and veterinary surgeon of Hatfield, was born at the Warner homestead, February 25, 1845, son of James W. and Louisa B. (Longley) Warner. Dr. Warner is a descendant of Andrew Warner, one of the first settlers of Hadley, Mass., who died in 1694. He was the father of Andrew, Daniel, Isaac, Jacob, Robert, and Mary.

Daniel, son of Andrew Warner, was born in Hatfield and settled upon a farm in this town, where he resided until his death. He was twice married, and had a large family of children, among them: Sarah, Abraham, Andrew, Mary, Anna, Ebenezer, and Elizabeth. Ebenezer Warner, son of Daniel and Martha (Boltwood) Warner, married Ruth Ely, settled in Belchertown, and engaged in agricultural pursuits. His son Moses Warner, who was a lifelong resident of Belchertown, married Sarah Porter, and was the father of a second Moses Warner. The latter was born in Belchertown in 1754, but in early manhood moved to Hatfield, where he settled upon a farm located directly opposite the Billings homestead. He died in 1828, having been a

Deacon of the Congregational church for many years. He was married on June 4, 1779, to Mary King, who was born in 1757, and died in 1831. They had five children, named: John, Elisha, Sarah, Mary, and Moses.

John Warner, Mr. Warner's grandfather, was born in Hatfield, and commenced life as a teamster. He drove a four-horse team between Hatfield and Boston, carrying produce to market, and returning with merchandise. He later engaged in mercantile business in Hatfield, which he conducted in connection with farming, and became successful. He erected the substantial brick residence which is now occupied by Mr. E. S. Warner. He died at fifty-two years of age. In 1806 he married Caroline Whiton, who was born in Lee, Mass.; and their children were: Mary, James W., John S., Jonathan, Caroline R., Eliza, and Lydia. The mother died March 1, 1853.

James W. Warner, Mr. Warner's father, was born in Hatfield, May 11, 1809. He inherited the Warner homestead, and conducted the farm with prosperous results. A Republican in politics and a member of the Congregational church, he was a man of excellent judgment, was progressive in his ideas and actively interested in all matters relating to the improvement of the town. James W. Warner died November 20, 1891. His wife, Louisa B. Longley, whom he married on March 30, 1836, was born January 14, 1816, daughter of Alpheus Longley, who was Postmaster of the town many years. She became the mother of eleven children, as follows: Charles L., born April 11, 1837; Mary L., born November 26, 1838, now the wife of William D. Billings, of Hatfield; Sarah A., who was born March 26, 1841, and married C. B. Bardwell; Moses E., born February 3, 1843; Egbert S., the subject of this sketch;

John A., who was born October 10, 1846, and married Elizabeth Bacon; James D., who was born September 24, 1849, and married Hannah Bach; Benjamin M., who was born January 14, 1853, and married Ella E. Fitch; George W., born July 5, 1855, who married Nellie M. Fisher; Caroline L., born February 15, 1858, now the wife of Arthur G. Holt; and Lewis W., who was born October 25, 1860, and died in 1864. The mother died January 10, 1890.

Egbert S. Warner commenced his education in the schools of Hatfield, and completed his studies at the Westfield Academy. At the age of nineteen he entered the store of W. D. Billings as a clerk, and after remaining there for one year he pursued a course at Burnham's Business College in Springfield, Mass. He then engaged in farming, and in 1872 purchased the G. W. Hubbard farm, which he improved by building a new barn. During his leisure time he has taken up the study of veterinary surgery, in which he has become very proficient, and has a large practice. He conducts general farming, and, making a specialty of raising tobacco, cultivates seven acres of the weed annually, which average one ton to the acre. He is interested in the breeding of fine horses, and owns the well-known stallion, Warner Knox, a grandson of General Knox, and is also the owner of eleven speedy trotters. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, as School Committee, and as Constable, and is at the present time one of the State cattle inspectors.

On November 19, 1874, Mr. Warner was united in marriage with Julia Hunt, daughter of Charles and Cora (Strain) Hunt. Mrs. Julia H. Warner died in 1879, leaving him two children, namely: Cora H., born June 27, 1876; and Carrie H., born March 12, 1879.

**A**MAND J. SCHILLARE, the leading photographer of Northampton, has advanced to his present position of business prosperity solely through his own personal ability and persistent determination to succeed. He is a French Canadian by birth, having first opened his eyes upon the world at St. Guillaume, Province of Quebec, Canada, July 30, 1856, and is the son of David Schillare, who was born at Maskinonge, in 1827.

Mr. Schillare's grandfather, Thellosphere Schillare, who wedded Mlle. Lamere, was a son of Dr. Frederick Schillare (or Schiller, which was the original manner of spelling the name), a German physician, who emigrated from Germany to Canada and is said to have been a relative of the famous poet of that name. He was a man of wealth and influence in his day, prominent both in public affairs and as a skilful medical practitioner, and was widely known as the "Red Doctor," on account of his exceedingly ruddy complexion, although a man of strictly temperate habits. Of the three sons and one daughter born to Mr. Schillare's grandparents, all have passed away with the exception of the latter. His mother was before her marriage Mlle. Angel Mondor, a native of St. François, Province of Quebec, where the nuptial ceremony occurred. Of his immediate relatives an Aunt Lasine is the wife of Xavier Laurion, of Leeds, Mass.; an uncle, Louis Schillare, resided at the family homestead until his death, which occurred at the age of fifty-five years; and his son, Dr. Louis Schillare, is now a practising physician of Lowell, Mass. The others have all gone to their final rest, and are buried in their native province.

David Schillare moved with his family from Canada to the United States in 1863, first settling at Florence, Mass., and in 1867 removing to Leeds, where he resided until his

decease, which occurred July 12, 1891. Although never having the advantages of even a primary education, he was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, and for a period of twenty-five years was a useful and trusted employee of the Nonotuck Silk Company. He was strictly conscientious, honest, and upright, and was often taken advantage of by others in business. He, however, succeeded in securing a comfortable home for his family, which reverted to his widow at his decease. She now resides with her son Louis, having been the mother of eight children, two of whom, twins, died in infancy. The others are as follows: David Schillare, a carpenter of Northampton; Mary, wife of Oliver Ducharme, a resident of Leeds; Amand J.; Ellen, wife of Frank Marcatte, also of Leeds; Mrs. Joseph Ursall; and Louis Schillare, a plumber residing at Leeds.

Amand J. Schillare was by force of circumstances obliged to contribute toward his own support at a very early age, and was therefore denied the advantages of an education which other children were acquiring while he was hard at work in the cotton-mills at Florence. He entered the mills when he was nine years of age, and was employed there most of the time for three years. At the age of twelve years he removed with his parents to Leeds, and for the succeeding five years he was employed more or less in the Nonotuck Silk Company's mills. When not directly engaged in mill work he labored at different occupations, among which was the taking of contracts to clear land, and besides working diligently himself he hired others to work with him, for whose labor he received a profit of ten cents per cord. Discontent and dissatisfaction with his lot in life were so plainly manifested by him that he was considered by his superiors as a wayward boy.

During these years of excessive labor and privation he was constantly dreaming of and aspiring to a higher calling, and was often censured for having a book or a paper in his hand while at work. Happening to visit the studio of the Knowlton Brothers one day, while admiring specimens of their photographs, it suddenly occurred to him that such a business would be most congenial to him; and acting upon this suggestion he made inquiries of the proprietor, who offered to give him three months' instruction in the art for the sum of twenty-five dollars. This proposition he accepted after consulting his parents, and paid fifteen dollars down, that sum being the extent of his worldly possessions. He remained at the studio for a period of four months, during which he applied himself to the acquisition of all knowledge possibly obtainable in the art; and at the termination of that length of time he returned to Leeds, where he resumed work in the yards of the silk-mill, later finding employment in the spool shop of that concern at one dollar per day.

In 1874, when the memorable flood swept over the Mill River district and caused the industries to cease operations for an indefinite period, the Knowlton Brothers did an extensive business in taking views of the devastated landscape, necessitating the employment of extra hands; and Mr. Schillare again sought and obtained a position in their gallery, where he made himself so useful and agreeable that, when the rush of business slackened and the extra help was dispensed with one by one, he was retained. His employers took an interest in his desire to progress, and finally placed him in charge of their branch gallery, where he is at the present time conducting an extensive business on his own account. He was thus enabled to tenderly and bountifully provide for the comforts of his father during his

declining years, and also to afford even a luxurious home for his aged mother.

Since the tide of success turned so effectually in his direction Mr. Schillare has made rapid advancement in his art, and is now the leading artist photographer in Hampden County, enjoying the patronage of the very best class of residents together with the majority of the college students. He has been in business on his own account for the past ten years, and his patronage has increased to such an extent that five assistants are constantly kept busy at his studio. He makes a specialty of views and crayon portraits; and, although he has laid aside his palette in order to attend to the more lucrative part of the business, he still retains his love and admiration for the higher branches of art. For years his leisure hours have been spent in repairing the neglect which his youth suffered in the way of education, and he has succeeded in enriching his mind with knowledge gathered from useful books, of which he has accumulated a large and exceedingly interesting collection.

In 1882 Mr. Schillare was most happily married at Florence to Miss Edwardina L. Mondor, of Salem, daughter of Amand and Ellen (Theiren) Mondor, both of whom were natives of Canada. Her father died at Salem in 1882, aged fifty-eight years; and her mother is now residing in Northampton. Of their twelve children, but two sons and two daughters now survive. Mrs. Schillare's brother Edward enlisted in the United States Navy on board the ship "Baltimore," and is supposed to have been lost at sea; Albert J. Mondor is a grocer at Lawrence, Mass.; and her sister is now Mrs. Oscar Lacroix, of Northampton. Mr. and Mrs. Schillare have an interesting family of two sons and two daughters, namely: Laura E., born June 21, 1883; Conrad, born August 16, 1887; Leon J., born February 8,





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1889; and Eugenie M., born June 4, 1893. The family reside at their pleasant home at 39 Union Street, which Mr. Schillare purchased in 1892, at a cost of about five thousand dollars. He has also invested in other real estate, situated on Graves Avenue, upon which he erected a block of three tenements as a speculation.

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**M**ICHAEL E. COONEY, proprietor and manager of the Florence Hotel, at Florence, Mass., was born in Haydenville, July 1, 1849, son of Michael and Rosanna (Martin) Cooney, both of Irish birth.

Mr. Cooney's father was a stone mason by trade. He came to this country in 1844, locating at first in Holyoke, Mass., where in 1848 he married Rosanna Martin. They settled in Haydenville, where he carried on a teaming business for several years, and where his death occurred in October, 1882. His wife survived him ten years, dying at the age of sixty-six. They were the parents of nine children, of whom four are deceased. Of these latter, two died in infancy; Kate died when fourteen years; and Rosina, wife of William Larkin, of Williamsburg, died at the age of twenty-seven years, leaving one daughter, Rosanna.

Michael E. Cooney was the eldest child of the family. Having obtained a good education in the place of his nativity, he learned the brass-finisher's trade, at which he subsequently worked in various places for some thirteen years. In 1881 he removed with his family to Florence; and the following year he purchased the Florence Hotel, which he has since conducted with signal success, winning popularity as a host who understands well how to cater to the tastes and wants of his guests. He has also devoted a portion of his time for the past

few years to farming and raising tobacco. He has a pleasant dwelling-house on South Main Street, which he took possession of last year.

Mr. Cooney was married in February, 1879, to Margaret Mahoney, a native of Ireland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mahoney, who emigrated to the United States in 1870. Neither of her parents is now living. Mrs. Mahoney died in July, 1889, aged seventy-three years, and Mr. Mahoney in November, 1893, at the venerable age of fourscore years. They were the parents of five children, namely: James, who is in the electric business in Boston; William, a brass finisher in Lorain, Ohio; Bridget, the wife of Robert Tranor, of Fall River, Mass.; John, a mechanic of Haydenville; and Margaret, the wife of Mr. Cooney. The family circle of Mr. and Mrs. Cooney has been enlarged and enlivened by the advent of three bright and healthy children, namely: William, an active lad of sixteen years, in school at Northampton; Michael, a strong lad of thirteen years; and Theresa Maria, an interesting little girl of nine years. On political questions Mr. Cooney follows the lead of the Republican party, but has never sought or held office, devoting his time and attention to his private affairs.

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**H**ENRY R. CHASE, whose portrait accompanies this brief sketch of his honorable career to the present date, enlisted as a private in the Civil War, and during his three years of service was gradually promoted till he reached the rank of Major. He is now a commercial traveller, residing at Northampton, Mass., and is widely known as a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic and as a prominent Knight Templar. He was born January 26, 1838, in the town of Guilford, Vt., and there reared to a sturdy man-

hood. His father, Henry S. Chase, who was born in the same place, December 12, 1811, was a son of Jonathan Chase, a native of Pomfret, Conn., born November 24, 1776.

His grandfather was three times married, his first two wives having been sisters bearing the name of Stuart; and his last wife was Sophia Houghton. Two sons and five daughters were born of his marriages, all of whom grew to mature years, the youngest to die being Caroline, who passed away when but sixteen years old. Three of his daughters married Universalist ministers, one, Mary, being the wife of the Rev. Levi Ballou, a nephew of the Rev. Hosea Ballou, the "Father of Universalism." Jonathan Chase was a prosperous farmer, and spent the larger part of his fourscore years of life in Guilford, where his death occurred in January, 1856.

Henry S. Chase received an excellent academic education, and was engaged as a teacher for nearly eighty terms. He was also superintendent of schools for many years, and served in the other town offices. He was strongly interested in military tactics, and organized a company of militia, of which he was chosen Captain. In 1836 he married Lucy M. Weatherhead, a daughter of Ira Weatherhead, a carpenter of Guilford, and they became the parents of three children, namely: Lucy Ann and Henry R., twins; and a daughter named Ellen, who died in infancy. Lucy Ann Chase passed to the higher life when seventeen years old. The mother died in 1842, being but twenty-nine years of age; and the father afterward married Martha Ward, a daughter of Henry Ward. Six children were born of this union, two of whom are deceased, Elizabeth having died when five years old, and Albert at the age of thirty-nine years, leaving a wife, now deceased, and one daughter. The record of the four living is as follows: Eliza P. is

the wife of John E. Treveres, of Springfield; Jennie M., wife of Albert R. Willard, of Greenfield; Mary E., wife of Henry Rugg, of Brattleboro, Vt.; and Etta E., the wife of David A. Young, of Brattleboro. The father departed this life February 24, 1892; and his widow a few weeks later, March 5, 1892.

Henry R. Chase was prepared for college at Powers Institute, subsequently spending one year at Middlebury College. He began teaching when a beardless boy of sixteen years, and taught much of the time thereafter until 1870, his first experience being in the district schools. Afterward he taught in the high school of Newport, N.H., and at Guilford, Vt. This position he resigned in 1862 to become a defender of his country, enlisting August 11, in Company E, Eleventh Vermont Volunteer Infantry, as a private. On the organization of the company Mr. Chase was appointed Second Sergeant, being promoted September 6, 1862, to the rank of Second Lieutenant, and August 19, 1863, to the rank of First Lieutenant. In that month the regiment was changed to artillery; and on January 30, 1865, Lieutenant Chase was appointed Captain of Battery M. This was followed by still another promotion, he being made Major of the First Vermont Artillery, July 25, 1865. He was an active participant in many of the most important battles of the Rebellion, winning distinction by his brave and meritorious conduct. For eleven months he was a prisoner, having been taken in front of Petersburg, and being confined from June 23, 1864, until July 3, 1864, in Libby Prison, whence he was taken successively to Lynchburg, Danville, and Macon, Ga., being in the last place from July 10 until August 25. He was next sent to Savannah, thence to Charleston, S.C., and from there to Columbia, Charlotte, and Raleigh, and thence to Goldsboro, where he was

paroled on March 3, 1865. He, with a comrade, Lieutenant Parker, made several ineffectual attempts to escape while *en route* to Charleston, having learned that they were to go there via Savannah. They agreed to jump the train near Fort Motte, and did so October 6, making their escape into the woods, but were recaptured. On March 8, five days after his parole, Major Chase reached Annapolis. He was given a month's furlough, which he spent at home. He rejoined his regiment at Danville, Va., where he was discharged, August 25, 1865, and was then sent to Burlington, Vt., on special duty, reaching his home on the 22d of the following month.

On April 11, 1865, while on his furlough, Mr. Chase was united in marriage with Mary L. Wheeler, of Guilford, a daughter of Deacon Stephen and Maria (Emerson) Wheeler, the former of whom died in December, 1887. Mrs. Wheeler is now a remarkably strong and active woman for her age, eighty-one years. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Chase: Lucy M. and Charles H. Lucy M., who was a student of the Smith College and subsequently graduated from the Westfield State Normal School, is now a successful teacher at the Easthampton High School. Charles H., a resident of this city, married Josephine Thompson; and they are the parents of one son, Leland Henry. Mrs. Mary L. Chase's married life was not of long duration, she having passed to the silent land in 1874, in the thirty-fifth year of her age. On August 19, 1875, Mr. Chase was united in wedlock with Elvira H. Wheeler, a sister of his former wife. The only child of their union is Mary Louise, an ambitious and faithful student of eleven years, who during the school years of 1894 and 1895, was neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed from school, a record worthy of note.

For twenty-three years Mr. Chase has trav-

elled for Springfield houses, the past two years representing the well-known firm of Forbes & Wallace. In 1885 he purchased his present home lot of two acres, erecting his fine residence the same year. He is a steadfast Republican in his political views, and while in Guilford held the various town offices. Mr. Chase is a member of the First Baptist Church, of William L. Baker Post, No. 86, Grand Army of the Republic, and in Masonry has taken the thirty-third degree, and is Past High Priest of Northampton Royal Arch Chapter, and Eminent Commander of Northampton Commandery of Knights Templars.

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**H**IRAM TAYLOR, of Northampton, has a wide reputation as a railway contractor, having been identified with the work on many of the New England roads and several of the Southern roads. He is a native of the Empire State, having been born in June, 1835, in Schoharie County, son of Hiram Taylor, Sr., who was born in Connecticut in 1796.

The father was a lawyer, and after his admission to the bar settled in Schoharie County, New York, practising in Livingstonville, where his death occurred when sixty-three years of age, in 1859. He married Susan Ingram, a native of Albany; and of the ten children born to them, five sons and four daughters grew to years of discretion. The six following still survive: McKay, a farmer, residing at Wellsbridge, N.Y.; James, likewise engaged in farming, a resident of Durham, N.Y.; Hiram, the subject of this short biography; Alfred, in California, if living; Mrs. Beulah Snyder, of Oak Hill, N.Y.; Phoebe, a resident of Wellsbridge, N.Y. The mother died the year prior to her husband's decease.

Hiram Taylor spent his early life in his New York home, where his opportunities for securing an education were limited to a few months each year in the district school. Being a boy of high ambitions with a spirit of resolute determination, he struck out for himself when but fifteen years of age, beginning work on a railway, where he drove spikes or did anything that could be expected of a boy, receiving one dollar per day and boarding himself. He worked faithfully, and was amply rewarded by being made foreman the second year, a position seldom given to one so young. He was employed on various New England railways, notably the Connecticut River, the Boston & Albany, the old Hartford, P. & F., now the New England, the Hartford to Willimantic, the Shore Line from New London, and the Hudson River Railroad from Albany to Poughkeepsie. On this latter road Mr. Taylor was first employed in contracting, and was at one time road master there; and he was likewise road master for five years on the Connecticut River road. Before the war Mr. Taylor spent some time on the Georgia Central Railway, and from 1884 until 1889 was in the Carolinas and Alabama, connected with the railways of those States. In defence of the nation's flag he enlisted in 1862 from New London in the Twenty-first Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and for thirty-five months thereafter served in the ranks, but, fortunately, escaped the missiles of war, although he had some hair-breadth escapes, at one time his gun having been actually shot from his hands.

Mr. Taylor has been three times married. His first wife, formerly Lizzie Lasher, to whom he was united in 1856, died in 1860, leaving one daughter, Carrie, now the wife of Burr Leavenworth, of New Haven, Conn., and mother of one son, Harold. He subsequently married Mrs. Frances Comstock Billings, the

widow of George Billings, a sea captain, who was lost during a voyage, leaving her with one daughter, Fannie. Mrs. Frances C. B. Taylor lived but three years after their union, dying in this city in 1869, leaving one daughter, Harriet W. On February 4, 1870, Mr. Taylor married Miss Emma Paul, of Palmer. The fruits of this union are three children, namely: Susan M., who married Harry Hillman, of Schenectady, N.Y., and has one daughter; Irene Elizabeth; and Beulah, now in the high school.

Mr. Taylor has always evinced an active and generous interest in the advancement of the welfare of city, county, and State, but has refused office as a general thing, although he did serve one term as superintendent of streets. He is an ardent Republican in his political affiliations; and socially he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to the Red Men, and to the William L. Baker Post, No. 86, Grand Army of the Republic. Religiously, he is bound by no creed, but is a firm believer that in doing good deeds he may find the way to better things to come. In 1890 he bought his delightful home, "Look Out," located on Prospect Street, where he has seven acres of land, on which is a fine grove of native trees, mostly the fragrant pine. The house commands an extended and charming view of the surrounding landscape, and the attractive home is the centre of a liberal hospitality.

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**S**AMUEL FOLLETT HILLS, a well-to-do farmer of Worthington, was born upon the farm he now owns and occupies, February 20, 1845, son of Julius and Elizabeth Follett Brown Hills. Mr. Hills's grandfather was Daniel Hills, a resident of Grantville, Conn., who moved from that State to Blandford, Mass., and followed

agricultural pursuits there until his death. Julius Hills was born in Granville, January 31, 1806. He accompanied his parents to Massachusetts, and when a young man he came to Worthington, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, which he conducted with success during the remainder of his life. He died November 12, 1893. The wife of Julius Hills was a daughter of Luke Brown and Bethsheba (Warner) Brown, and was born in Hardwick, Mass., June 5, 1806. Her father, who was a graduate of Harvard College and was a well-known lawyer of his day, died in 1835. Mrs. Julius Hills became the mother of two children, namely: Daniel F. Hills, who married Anna C. Coles, of Westfield, and died January 25, 1882; and Samuel Follett Hills, who bears the name of a patriotic ancestor now to be mentioned.

Samuel Follett, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in the town of Attleboro, Bristol County, Mass., November 23, 1757. Immediately after the fight at Lexington (April 19, 1775) he enlisted at Swanzey, N.H., under Captain Jonathan Whitcomb, marched to Mystic, near Boston, where he joined the New Hampshire regiment commanded by Colonel Reed a few days before the battle of Bunker Hill (June 17, 1775), in which he participated. He remained in this regiment until discharged. Afterward he volunteered to serve one month longer in the company of Captain Baldwin or Spaulding. In April, 1778, he enlisted at Worcester in the company of Captain Nathan Harrington, which was ordered to join a detachment, under Major Reuben Reed, that was to guard a body of prisoners from General Burgoyne's army, then at Cambridge, Mass., to Rutland, in Worcester County, Mass. During a portion of the time he was on guard. At that place he was sick with the small-pox and was in the

hospital. In July, 1780, he again enlisted at Worcester, in the company of Captain Grout, who marched to Butts Hill in Rhode Island. He was granted a pension, May 10, 1833, to commence March 4, 1831. He came to the town of Worthington, Mass., in 1781, where he resided until his death, November 30, 1854, ninety-seven years and a few days old. His first vote was cast for General Washington for President of the United States in 1788, and his last for the defeated candidate, General Scott, in 1852.

Samuel F. Hills was educated in the district schools. He assisted in carrying on the farm, and succeeded to the ownership of the property after his father's death. His farm consists of two hundred and twenty-five acres, and is devoted to general husbandry and the raising of high-bred cattle, sheep, and horses. Mr. Hills is a Republican in politics, and is chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

On August 30, 1871, Mr. Hills was united in marriage with Josephine Maria (Mayhew) Burr, widow of Oliver C. Burr, and a daughter of Lyman and Mary E. (Richards) Mayhew. Her father was born October 3, 1821, in Huntington, Mass.. His wife, who was born in North Adams, Mass., April 9, 1825, died October 2, 1869, having been the mother of nine children: Jerome B., Josephine, Mary Ella, Julia O., Arthur Elmer Scott, Lyman A., Henry W., Martha L., and Eliza A., five of whom are still living. Mrs. Hills had two children by her first marriage: Frank, who died in 1868; and Frederick, who died in 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Hills have three children, namely: Abbie Warner, who was born July 27, 1872, and married Judson G. Blackman, a farmer of Cummington, Mass.; Mary E., who was born July 2, 1875, and is now a school-teacher; and Josephine Scott, born December 10, 1880.

**C**HARLES D. HASKELL, an enterprising merchant of Enfield, Hampshire County, Mass., and a substantial citizen of this community, is a son of Ira D. and Adeline E. (Ayers) Haskell. He was born in the adjoining town of Greenwich, Mass., on April 18, 1858; and both his parents were also natives of that town.

As early as 1858 Ira Dexter Haskell established himself in mercantile business in Enfield, opening a general store at the stand now occupied by his son, which he continued to conduct in a successful manner up to the time of his death. He took an active interest in town affairs, and was often called upon to fill positions of responsibility and trust. He served as Selectman for a number of years, during the major part of the time acting as chairman of the board, and in the last years of his life he affiliated with the Democratic party. In matters of religion his views were liberal. He died in February, 1887, at sixty-three years of age. He and his wife, Adeline Elizabeth Ayers, reared one son, Charles Dexter Haskell. Mrs. Adeline E. Haskell survived her husband about four years, dying in 1891.

Charles Dexter Haskell acquired his early education in the public schools of Enfield; and later on, in 1877, he attended Williston Seminary. He entered his father's store in his boyhood as a clerk, continuing in that position until his father's decease, when the full charge of the business devolved upon him; and since that time he has continued to conduct the store on his own account. It to-day enjoys the distinction of having been established longer than any other house in Enfield. He carries an excellent line of such goods as are found in a first-class general store, and sells at prices as low as consistent with the laws of trade. Mary Patten Allen, to whom

he was united on the 6th of June, 1892, was born in Enfield, Conn., and is a daughter of Horace B. Allen, of West Hartford, Conn. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Haskell has been brightened by the birth of an only son, Ethelbert Allen Haskell.

Mr. Haskell casts his vote with the Democratic party, of which he has ever been a faithful adherent. In religion he is a liberal, and his wife is a communicant of the Congregational church. During his lifelong residence in Enfield, by his faithful attendance to business and integrity in all his dealings Mr. Haskell has won the respect and esteem of his fellow-men, among whom he has many warm and valuable friends.

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**A**DDISON HOMER BARTLETT was born upon the farm at Belchertown where he now resides, February 15, 1843, son of Cyrus Sabin and Emily (Stebbins) Bartlett. His father, who was born at Stafford, Conn., May 6, 1814, was a son of Cyrus Bartlett, a native of the same place, born in 1778.

Cyrus Bartlett owned and operated a saw and grist mill in his native town for some time before 1816. He then moved to Belchertown, settling upon the farm now owned by his grandson. Here he resided for the remainder of his days, and died at the age of seventy-nine years. The maiden name of his wife was Anna Sabin, a native of Ellington, Conn. (An account of Mrs. (Sabin) Bartlett's ancestors may be found in a work entitled, "The History of the Sabin Family.") She died at the age of ninety years, having raised a family of four children, named: Selden, Elvira, Cyrus S., and Louisa. Cyrus S. Bartlett was two years of age when his parents moved to Belchertown. He received a good

education in the district schools and at the Monson and Hadley Academies. During his young manhood he taught school for several terms, also engaging in agriculture. At the death of his father he succeeded to the ownership of the farm, which he cultivated profitably for several years. In 1872 he sold the property to his son, purchased a home in the village, and there resided until his decease, which occurred February 25, 1888. The wife of Cyrus S. Bartlett, who was before her marriage Emily Stebbins, was born at Belchertown, November 10, 1814, daughter of Samuel Hinsdale and Nancy (Reed) Stebbins, and a direct descendant in the seventh generation of Rowland Stebbins. (An account of Mrs. Bartlett's early ancestors is given in the "Annals of Belchertown," by the late Hon. Mark Doolittle.) She died December 17, 1893, having been the mother of three children; namely, Eliza, Addison, and Julia. She and her husband were devout members of the Congregational church, and contributed generously toward its support.

Addison H. Bartlett obtained the rudimentary branches of his education at the district schools. After completing his studies at the Wilbraham Academy he taught school for a time. His chief attention, however, was devoted to agriculture, of which in due time he acquired a thorough knowledge. The family homestead is known as the "Cold Spring" farm, because it contains a never-failing spring of pure water. The town was originally so named for the same reason. When the farm came into his possession in 1872, he gave his whole time to its cultivation. The home is very desirably situated upon the west side of a hill, commanding an extensive view of the surrounding country.

On November 18, 1868, he was united in marriage to Miss Violet Isabelle Bardwell, a

native of Belchertown, daughter of Antipas Steward Bardwell, who was also born there. He was a son of Martin Bardwell, whose father, also named Martin, was a son of Joseph, through whose father, John, the descent goes back to Robert Bardwell, who came from London to Boston about the year 1670, and settled in Hatfield, Mass. Robert was a hatter by trade, and his son, John Bardwell, was one of the first settlers of Belchertown, having come about the year 1732. The farm upon which Mrs. Bartlett was born was the original property of the family in that town. Antipas Bardwell, who inherited a portion of the old homestead, purchased the interests of the other heirs and resided there until his decease, which occurred on April 18, 1877. The maiden name of Mrs. Bartlett's mother was Caroline C. Sikes. She was from Ludlow, and was a daughter of John and Dorothy (Kellogg) Sikes. She died February 4, 1879, having been the mother of seven children; namely, George S., Alonzo J., Maria L., Francis N., Violet I., Martin W., and Charles E.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett have five children living: Lizzie Maria, Marion Estella, Dwight Stebbins, Francis Alonzo, and Edward Payson. Their third child, Alice Isabelle, died August 30, 1877, aged thirteen months; and their fourth child, Henry Addison, died May 11, 1888, at the age of ten years. The family attend the Congregational church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett and several of their children are members. Mr. Bartlett has been a Deacon of this church since 1882.

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**H**IRAM G. HILL, one of the leading business men of Williamsburg, was born in that town, June 22, 1840, son of Otis and Philena (Packard) Hill.

Mr. Hill's great-grandfather, Samson Hill, came from Hatfield, Mass., to Williamsburg in 1775, and settled upon a tract of wild land. Besides serving his country in the Revolutionary War, he cleared and improved the farm upon which his descendant, J. O. Hill, now resides, and followed agriculture successfully until his death, which occurred at the age of eighty years. His son, Ephraim Hill, Mr. Hill's grandfather, succeeded to the property, which he increased by purchasing more land. He erected the present house and barn, and conducted the farm with energy, until failing health caused him to retire from active labor. He died in 1851, aged eighty-six years. His wife, who died in 1849, eighty-three years old, was the mother of nine children, namely: Hiram, Russell, Willard, Calvin, Otis, Wealthy, Sarah, Cynthia, and Electa.

Otis Hill, Mr. Hill's father, was born in Williamsburg, April 1, 1808. He made the best of his opportunities for obtaining an education at the district schools. After completing his studies, he taught school for several terms in the neighborhood during the winter season, his summers being passed in different occupations, but principally in farming. In 1838 he and his brother Hiram purchased the old mills in the village, and commenced manufacturing broom handles, later adding wooden boxes and buttons. In this business they were quite successful. Otis Hill purchased his brother's interest in 1853, but continued the enterprise only two years longer, when the feeble state of his health compelled him to relinquish the cares of business. He sold out, and thereafter confined himself to agricultural pursuits, making a specialty of both pasturing and handling cattle. His parents passed their declining years with him upon the old farm, and were the objects of

his most affectionate care and devotion. He was originally a Whig in politics, and joined the Republican party at its formation. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for several years, Town Clerk, and Treasurer for twenty years; and in 1856 he represented his district in the legislature. As a business man he was both energetic and progressive, and as such was successful. He was kind-hearted and charitable, a steadfast friend and useful citizen. Otis Hill died December 7, 1883. He was a member of the Congregational church. His wife was the mother of five children; namely, Lemira A., Melvin W., Hiram G., Henry W., and John W. She died at the age of fifty-three years.

Hiram G. Hill commenced his education in the district schools of Williamsburg, and finished his studies in Amherst. He resided with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-one years. At this time he purchased the machinery and other mechanical effects of M. Way & Son, of Williamsburg, and began the manufacture of suspender buttons and moulds. In the autumn of 1861 he bought the factory of W. & W. E. Thayer, and after moving his machinery to his new quarters continued business upon a more extensive scale. He admitted his brother, John W., as a partner; and later another brother, Henry W., became interested in the enterprise. The firm, which was known as Hill Brothers, conducted a successful business until 1880, when Mr. Hiram G. Hill sold his interest to Damon & Wright. Owning the water-power and site formerly occupied by the old grist-mill, which was carried away by the flood of 1874, he erected a new mill there. The building stands upon the solid ledge that was laid bare by the flood, and contains the best improved machinery. Mr. Hill is engaged in grinding and dealing in all kinds of feed,





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handling about one hundred carloads per year, and also does a large amount of custom grinding for others. He is the owner of the old homestead of his uncle, Hiram Hill, which escaped destruction during the flood, and was able to give the shelter sought there by many of the neighbors on that occasion, on account of the substantial manner in which it was built. He has improved the property, and has one of the most attractive and comfortable homes in the town.

Mr. Hill is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library. He was made a Mason in Jerusalem Lodge, later becoming a charter member of the Hampshire Lodge at Haydenville and a member of the Chapter and Commandery of Northampton. On December 31, 1862, Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Charlotte M. Thayer, and has two daughters, namely: Genevra M., who resides at home; and Evalena, who married Albert Holton, and resides in Boston, having one son, named John Hill. Mr. Hill is independent in politics.

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**Z**AAVAN AVERY MOORE, of Northampton, who is now retired from active pursuits, has had a life of varied experience, and, notwithstanding that he has met with reverses, has accumulated enough of this world's goods to enable him to pass his declining years surrounded by all necessary comforts and in the enjoyment of as many pleasures as his feeble health will permit. He was born February 13, 1821, in Hampden County, just across the line from Hampshire County, in the town of Westfield. His grandfather, Luke Moore, was for some years a resident of that place, being engaged in tilling the soil. He died in middle life, leaving his widow, Lucretia Moore, with one

son, Zaavan, the father of the subject of this sketch, and two daughters. Mrs. Moore was married again, reared a family of children by her second husband, and lived to a very advanced age. Although blind the last years of her life, she was a very cheerful and happy old lady, and the life and comfort of the household.

Zaavan Moore was born about 1790 in Connecticut; but, after attaining his majority, he bought a farm in Southampton, Mass., on which he engaged in mixed husbandry, living there until his decease, at the age of eighty-two years. In 1815 he married Margaret Root, of Westfield Farms, where her birth occurred in 1788. She died in Westfield two years before her husband. Eight children were born to them, of whom four sons and three daughters grew to adult life; and of these two daughters and two of the sons are now living. Zaavan A. is further spoken of below. Luke Henry, born in 1825, is married, and has two sons and several grandchildren. He was a soldier in the late Civil War, and subsequently settled on government land in Arkansas, where he carries on general farming. Margaret Arvilla is a widow living in Ohio. Electa Ann died in August, 1895, widow of Lysander B. Bates, of Westfield, who died, leaving her with a large family of children. Jane E. is the widow of Joseph Williams, of the same town.

Zaavan A. Moore received an excellent academic education, and likewise a practical drill in agricultural labor on the parental homestead, where he remained until eighteen years old. Having a natural aptitude for mechanical pursuits, Mr. Moore then turned his attention to that branch of labor. Learning the carpenter's trade of his brother-in-law, Lysander B. Bates, he worked for and with him thirty years, being in partnership with

him a large part of the time. He afterward returned to the old home farm, which, with the outlands, consisted of about one hundred and fifty acres of land; and from the money which he had accumulated he bought out the remaining heirs, and thus acquired the estate. There he followed agriculture for some ten years, when he left the place to his father, and returned to his trade of cabinet-making. For some years his health has not permitted the active pursuit of business; and his time is spent mostly in Northampton, except the summer season, when he usually goes to the seashore, to inhale the invigorating ocean breezes.

Mr. Moore is a self-made man, having started out for himself even with the world; and, notwithstanding that he has lost one fortune, he still has ample to suffice him in all his needs, unless some unforeseen calamity should befall. He has travelled earth's journey for many long years alone, with the exception of a few months' experience of matrimony in 1874, but has doubtless made many warm and lasting friendships. His life has been one of industry and perseverance, directed by good practical judgment, in business affairs meeting with general success. His portrait will be found in this gallery of representative citizens of men of Hampshire County.

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**M**ICHAEL P. LYNCH, a successful brick manufacturer and a Selectman of South Hadley Falls, was born in County Kerry, Ireland, June 23, 1833, son of Patrick and Catherine (Kennedy) Lynch. Mr. Lynch's father, who at one time was a prosperous farmer in Ireland, emigrated to the United States in 1849, and after deciding to locate in South Hadley Falls sent for his wife and family to join him. But he died in September, 1849, before

they reached America. His wife settled with her children in Holyoke, Mass., where she resided until her death, which occurred in March, 1892. The children numbered eleven, and were: John, who is a resident of Holyoke; Michael P., the subject of this sketch; Mary, Morris, and Thomas, who also reside in Holyoke; Patrick, Michael, Bridget, Timothy, Catherine, and Johanna, who are deceased.

Michael P. Lynch received a common-school education. After arriving in Holyoke he worked in a cotton factory for some time. He then learned the trade of a bricklayer, and subsequently, in company with his brothers, managed a brickyard in Holyoke for several years. In 1877 he, together with his brothers Morris and Thomas, purchased the brickyard in which they are now located, and have since carried on the business with success. Mr. Lynch is independent in his political views, and always votes for the candidates he considers the most capable of holding office. He has been Road Commissioner, and is now serving his third term as Selectman, and is a member of the Hampshire Club.

On January 25, 1861, Mr. Lynch was united in marriage to Catherine O'Donnell, a native of County Kerry, Ireland, daughter of Terrence O'Donnell, who died in Holyoke. Mr. and Mrs. Lynch have ten children, as follows: John, deceased; John F., who resides in South Hadley Falls; Margaret, deceased; Annie; Patrick; Rosa; Joseph; Morris, residing at home; and two children who died in infancy. The family attend the Roman Catholic Church in South Hadley Falls.

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**E**RNEST W. REW, editor and proprietor of the Hampshire County *Journal*, is a native of England, born April 30, 1864, in Northampton. His father, now liv-

ing retired from business pursuits in London, England, was born at Tiverton, Devonshire, about the time of the birth of the Prince of Wales, and was long engaged in the wholesale silk trade. He married for his first wife Josephine Bell, who died at the early age of twenty-two years, in 1868, leaving three sons and one daughter, Ernest W. being the eldest child. He subsequently married a widowed sister of his first wife, and she died in 1891, leaving two children by her first marriage.

Although young in years Ernest W. Rew has had a varied and eventful career. Leaving college at the age of fifteen years, he was apprenticed for three years to a wholesale grocer in Malvern, England, and after serving his time he remained still another year in Malvern. Going thence to Hereford he was engaged in trade a year, and was afterward for the same length of time in the wholesale grocery business in London. Not satisfied with mercantile life, Mr. Rew next sought and obtained a place in the Royal Horse Artillery, which by the advice of his father he gave up, and passed a year or so at his father's home in Cheltenham, whence he went to France, where he travelled for a while. In the autumn of 1883 Mr. Rew enlisted at Brighton, England, in the Royal Dragoon Guards, and was in active service three and one-half years, in the course of that time taking part in quelling the Belfast riot. Having been bought off by his father for nineteen pounds, he returned to London, and in January, 1888, sailed for New York City, having a hope of obtaining work on a New York paper.

Failing in his purpose and running rather low in his funds, he next answered an advertisement for a stud groom on a large stock farm; and he there remained with a Mr. Akers until the following spring, when he again endeavored to secure a position in New York as a

journalist and again failed. Finding the city overcrowded with idlers of all classes, Mr. Rew struck out into Connecticut, travelling on foot, and working at anything he could find to do to pay his way, whether it was chopping wood, digging potatoes, or husking corn, at which he was quite an expert. In one town he worked a few days for Mr. Herman Sellick, a member of the Board of Selectmen, who told him as he went away if he did not find a permanent employment to come back and spend the winter and do the chores about the place for his board and tobacco. He walked forty miles one day, being very vigorous, but did not secure the coveted position. Returning, therefore, to Farmer Sellick, he spent a pleasant winter, keeping busily employed about the farm. He also received money from home, and, becoming decently clothed, he joined the New Canaan choir, to which he had been invited, and in the spring was engaged by Mr. Sellick to work on the farm during the summer.

But one hot day in July, while digging a ditch, he was offered a position as companion and reader to a wealthy blind man, who was going to a sanitarium for his health. After a year in the sanitarium Mr. Rew again sought journalistic work in the city, and through a friend obtained work on Judd's paper, but was soon obliged to leave the office on account of malaria. Going thence with Emerson Judd to Greenwich, Mass., in hopes that the invigorating upland breezes would restore his health, he heard that the management of the Hampshire Weekly *Gazette* was about to start a daily paper, and came at once to Northampton to secure a position, in which he was successful, finding plenty of congenial work. Three years later he left that office to take charge of the Springfield *Union*, remaining there about a year, during which time he was a correspond-

ent of the Boston *Globe* and the Boston *Journal*, besides which he contributed a weekly letter to the Hampshire County *Journal*, writing under the pen name of "Malvern." In May, 1894, Mr. Rew left the Springfield *Union*; and the next month he purchased from Wade & Daniels the paper which he has since managed so ably. This paper was established about thirty years ago by D. W. and H. H. Bond, and has been among the leading journals of the county, and under the judicious management of its present proprietor has lost none of its former prestige, its circulation having been increased. Mr. Rew is an enthusiastic and thorough master of his business, and in his aim to publish one of the brightest and best journals of this section of the State he has been eminently successful.

On September 8, 1892, Mr. Rew was united in marriage with Miss Katherine Lord Clark, of Willimantic, Conn., daughter of David H. and Annie L. (Turner) Clark. Her father died in Denver, whither he had gone for his health, in 1887, at the age of fifty years. His widow, who is still living in Willimantic, has three children, Mrs. Rew and two sons, one in Willimantic and the other in Danielsonville. Mrs. Rew is an accomplished musician, and is well known in this vicinity and in New York as a phenomenal whistler, being able to imitate almost any member of the feathered tribe, her rendition of the notes of the mocking-bird being most natural and charming.

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**G**EORGE W. TINKER, a practical and successful agriculturist of Worthington, Mass., who began in life as a poor boy, is now the owner of the well-stocked and highly cultivated farm of one hundred and forty-five acres on which he resides. He was born here, April 13, 1839, son of Omri and

Salome (Crozier) Tinker, the former of whom was a native of Connecticut, from which place he came with his parents to Massachusetts.

Omri Tinker was then a young man, and for several years he continued to live at the parental home. When his father and mother moved to Rochester, Lorain County, Ohio, he remained behind and soon purchased the farm in Worthington on which his son now lives. The estate at that time contained one hundred and forty acres, but he later on purchased fifty acres additional. He was a hard-working and enterprising farmer; and besides performing his ordinary farm duties he was often employed by others in laying stone walls, being an excellent workman in that line. He continued to carry on his farm until his death on March 12, 1892, at the age of eighty-nine years and eleven months. His first wife, Salome Crozier, bore him four children, namely: George (deceased); Louisa (deceased); George; and Mary, the wife of Charles Cole, who is now living in Hinsdale, Mass. Their mother died in 1854. Mr. Tinker's second wife was Sarah Chapman, a native of Becket, Mass. Of this union one daughter was born: Ella, the wife of Lewis Walsh, a prosperous farmer residing in Pittsfield, Mass. In political affiliation Mr. Omri Tinker was a Republican, and an active worker for his party. He and his wife were communicants of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which they were well known as faithful helpers.

At twenty years of age George W. Tinker left the paternal roof to gain a livelihood for himself. He began by working out during the first year, after which he went to Chester, Mass., where during the succeeding six years he was successfully engaged in conducting a saw-mill. Buying a farm from Lawrence Smith he thenceforward profitably turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, having re-

ceived good practical instruction therein during his boyhood and youth. He continued to carry on this place for fifteen years, and then purchased the old Tinker homestead, on which he has since resided. He is successfully engaged in general farming, raising for his principal products corn, oats, and wheat; and he is also engaged to some extent in dairying. On his farm is a fine sugar orchard, which yields yearly from two to three thousand pounds of maple syrup and sugar of nice quality.

He married Miss Mary Bidwell, who was born in Connecticut on February 17, 1854; and their union was blessed by the birth of four children, as follows: Harry, born November 4, 1877; Lottie J., born November 9, 1879; Charlie, who died in infancy; and Agnes, born June 26, 1881. The children have received the advantages not only of the schools of Worthington, but have also attended school at Pittsfield, Mass. Mrs. Tinker died on July 20, 1890. Mr. Tinker has always been a stanch supporter of the Republican party. He is well known and universally liked by his associates.

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stead. He married Minerva Amsden, who was one of six children, five daughters and a son, born to her parents, Ira and Minerva Amsden, of Conway. Of their union seven children were born, five of them being sons; and four are now living. Minerva is the wife of Frank H. Warren, of Boston; Ira is a horse dealer, with headquarters in this city, but spending much of his time in the West, buying horses for the Eastern markets; Arthur C., proprietor of the Conway hotel, is a well-known and substantial farmer of that place, and superintendent of the electric railway company.

Ralph M. Guilford lived at home until seven or eight years old, and from that time until he was fifteen he attended school in Ashfield. Having early been left an orphan he was thrown somewhat upon his own resources; and being a great lover of horses and an able manager of them he secured the position of stage driver, running from Conway to South Deerfield. He being very small of his age, the passengers were at times afraid that he would not be able to manage the four horses, but he was always equal to any emergency. Mr. Guilford was next employed as clerk in a Conway hotel, where he remained three years, when, at the age of nineteen years, he accepted a similar position in the Massasoit House at Spencer, continuing there a year. Coming then to Northampton, he and his brother Julius bought the livery stable of John Daniels, paying for it thirty-five hundred dollars, an investment which his friends prophesied would prove a disastrous failure, deeming it impossible that he could continue the business through the winter season, even if he made a living through the summer. This prediction has fortunately proved unfounded, as Mr. Guilford is still here, after thirteen years of activity, during which time he has had a steadily increasing trade, and is now recognized as the

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**R**ALPH M. GUILFORD, owner of a large livery and hack stable in Northampton, is carrying on a thriving business, having by his courtesy and square methods of dealing won an extensive patronage. He was born in the town of Conway, Franklin County, in 1861, being the son of Walter Guilford, a lifelong resident of Conway, whose birth occurred in 1819, and his death in 1872.

Walter Guilford was the fifth child of a family of five sons and one daughter. He was a hard-working man and an experienced tiller of the soil, owning and improving a good home-

leading liveryman of the city, his urbanity and prompt attention to the wants of his customers winning deserved popularity. He has had different partners, his brother having sold out to his brother-in-law, F. H. Warren, and he in turn to Alfred W. Prouty, a brother of Mrs. Guilford. In 1893 Mr. Guilford purchased Mr. Prouty's interest, and has since conducted the livery stable himself. He keeps from twenty-five to thirty horses, and runs three hacks regularly to and from the stations.

On Christmas Day, 1881, Mr. Guilford was united in marriage with Mary E. Prouty, of whose companionship he was deprived in a few short years, her death occurring in March, 1889, at the age of twenty-six years. She left one son, Walter R., now a fine boy of eleven years. On May 12, 1891, Mr. Guilford married Miss Susie Flagg, daughter of Mrs. Ellen (Donaldson) Flagg. Mrs. Guilford's mother, who, when quite young, was left a widow with two daughters, died in the winter of 1894, in the sixtieth year of her age. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Guilford was a popular and efficient saleswoman in McCullum's dry-goods store. In politics Mr. Guilford is guided by his own judgment, voting independent of party lines. He is connected with several fraternal organizations, being a Knight Templar, a charter member of the tribe of Red Men, and belonging to the Knights of Honor. His home at 31 Union Street he bought in 1887, and here he and his estimable wife entertain their numerous friends with a generous hospitality.

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**P**AFADETTE WASHINGTON GOODELL, of Belchertown, Mass., a widely known horticulturist residing at Pansy Park, near Dwight, was born in this town, October 31, 1851. His immediate

ancestors were also natives of Belchertown, the birth of his father, Asahel Goodell, having occurred here on November 22, 1810. His remote ancestors on the paternal side are said to have belonged to a tribe of Celts living in the north of France, the tribal name being Goidel or Godele.

About 1560 a family of Godeles, who were Huguenots, emigrated to England, where the name became Anglicized to Goodell. From this family sprung Robert Goodell (born in 1604, died in 1692), who emigrated to America in 1634, settling in Salem, Mass. One of his great-grandsons, John, born in 1703, went to Pomfret, Conn., where he raised a family of nine children. Nathaniel, son of John and great-grandfather of Lafayette W., settled in Woodstock, Conn., but in 1777 purchased from his brother Lemuel a tract of one hundred acres of wild land situated in the northern part of Belchertown, now known as Dwight, to which he moved with his family in August of that year. He cleared and improved a farm, upon which he resided until his death in 1814. He raised a family of six children: Serrill, Esther, Nathaniel, Lucy, Alpheus, and Moses.

Mr. Goodell's grandfather, Moses Goodell, succeeded to the possession of the homestead, which was his residence until his decease, in 1854, at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife, whom he married on September 5, 1799, was Susannah Pettingill, of Methuen, Mass., and ten of her twelve children grew to maturity; namely, Ira Chaffee, Noble Thomas Ware, Marcus Lyon, Elizabeth Pettingill, Asahel, Esther Bliss, Dudley Nathaniel, Lovicy, Lusanna, and Newton Franklin Washington.

Asahel Goodell was educated in the common schools, and succeeded to the possession of the farm at the decease of his father. In early



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manhood he engaged in introducing a process for renovating clothing, of which he made a successful business for nearly thirty years, travelling throughout the Eastern States, becoming well known as the "New England clothes dresser." In 1833 he purchased a tract of land near the homestead, upon which he erected a dwelling-house. October 1, 1834, he was married to Cynthia Tilson Newell, daughter of Benjamin and Charlotte (Williams) Newell, of Pelham, Mass., her mother being a descendant of the famous Roger Williams. Five of their eight children lived to reach maturity, namely: Ellen Hemans, who is the subject of a special sketch in this volume; Jerome Homer; Celeste Martineau; Wesley Melancthon; and Lafayette Washington. Asahel Goodell was one of the three original antislavery men in his native town, and was prominently identified with political and other public affairs. He served as a Justice of the Peace and also acted as correspondent for various newspapers.

Lafayette W. Goodell received a good common-school education, and several years before attaining his majority was entrusted with the management of the farm, which for twenty years prior to that time had been leased to tenants and was badly run down. In 1876 he rented some land on the place, and on a capital of twenty-five dollars engaged in the retail seed business, of which he has made a marked success. From less than two hundred customers the first year, the number has increased to over sixty thousand. He erected new buildings and made many other improvements, transforming what was one of the most unsightly places in town into one of the most attractive. In 1885 he purchased two adjoining estates, on which he built in 1891 two large greenhouses, and added a plant department to the business. The seeds and plants,

which are sold through the agency of annual catalogues, are distributed by mail and express to all parts of the country ; in fact, his books contain the names of customers in almost every country on the globe.

In 1891 he purchased the old farm and the homestead, and now owns some three hundred acres, much of which is woodland. The improved portion, known as Pansy Park, is delightfully situated and beautifully laid out. During the summer season the grounds are covered with thousands of varieties of flowers and plants, making a gorgeous display. Many of these are grown for their seeds, among others large quantities of pansies, which thrive luxuriantly and afford an appropriate name for the estate. A notable and attractive feature is the aquatic garden, covering several acres and containing one of the largest collections of water-growing plants in the United States, including several varieties of the sacred Egyptian lotus and about forty varieties of water lilies of various colors from all parts of the world. In the summer of 1890 Mr. Goodell succeeded in flowering in the open air, without artificial heat, the famous *Victoria regia* from the river Amazon, the largest water lily known, the leaves of which measure from four to six feet in diameter — the first time this was ever accomplished in the northern States. He has made a special study of this branch of floriculture ; and the benefit of his knowledge will soon be given to the public in an illustrated book, now in preparation, entitled "Aquatic Plants and their Culture," which is destined to be a standard work upon the subject.

Mr. Goodell has been for twenty years a frequent contributor to horticultural papers, and is a recognized authority on matters relating to this branch of industry, in which by his energy and perseverance he has gained an enviable

reputation. The result of his studies and discoveries in entomology, of which he is an enthusiastic student, have been published in magazines, proceedings of scientific societies, and United States government publications. Mr. Goodell is an exceedingly courteous gentleman to meet. He is a Republican in politics.

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**H**ON. DANIEL BATES GILLETT, whose portrait is herewith presented, is a retired business man of Enfield, Mass., and ex-member of the State Senate. He was born in South Hadley, July 21, 1819, son of Daniel and Edith (Bates) Gillett. Mr. Gillett is a descendant of Cornelius Gillett, who emigrated from England to Dorchester, Mass., in 1635, and in 1636 settled in Windsor, Conn., where he passed the remainder of his life. He married Priscilla Kelsey, and raised a family of nine children. Daniel Gillett, Mr. Gillett's grandfather, a prosperous farmer of Windsor, was a soldier of the Revolutionary War; and at the close of that struggle he resumed farming in Windsor, where he died at the age of eighty-nine years. On November 2, 1769, he married Amy Palmer, and became the father of five children, his namesake, Daniel, Mr. Gillett's father, being the eldest son. His second wife, whom he married February 15, 1789, was Alithina Gratia Rowland.

Daniel Gillett, son of Daniel and Amy (Palmer) Gillett, was born in Windsor, Conn., September 25, 1781. He was engaged in mercantile pursuits during the greater part of his active life, and was conducting trade in Granville, Mass., in 1812. He subsequently moved to South Hadley Falls, where he entered into partnership with Ariel Cooley; and the firm of Gillett & Cooley was the leading mercantile concern in that town for many

years. They ran a line of boats to Hartford, which proved a profitable investment; and they also owned and conducted a flax-seed oil-mill. The firm continued until the death of Mr. Cooley, after which the enterprise was carried on alone by Mr. Daniel Gillett until his death, which occurred January 15, 1824. He was a staunch patriot, an able business man, and a useful citizen. His wife, Edith Bates, whom he married November 20, 1806, was born in Granville, Mass., May 1, 1781, daughter of Colonel Jacob Bates, and sister of the Hon. Isaac C. Bates, of Northampton. Colonel Bates served seven years in the Revolutionary War, and was with Washington at the memorable crossing of the Delaware in the winter of 1776. Mrs. Edith Bates Gillett became the mother of seven children, two of whom are now living, namely: Edward, who resides in Westfield, Mass.; and Daniel Bates, the subject of this sketch, who is the youngest. The deceased were: Catherine; Elizabeth; Mary Ann; Daniel, first; and Edith. The mother died August 5, 1853.

Daniel Bates Gillett grew to manhood in South Hadley, and received his education in the Woodbridge School and at the Hopkins Academy in Hadley. After completing his studies he went to Hartford, Conn., and secured a position in the store of Daniel Buck & Co., with whom he remained for two years. He then went to Amherst, Mass., where he was engaged as a clerk in the store of Sweetzer & Cutler for two years, at the expiration of which time he formed a partnership with a Mr. Ingraham and engaged in business in South Hadley Falls. This firm carried on trade successfully for three years, a greater part of which time Mr. Gillett served as Postmaster. In 1846 he moved to Enfield, where, in company with Woods Brothers, he engaged in the woollen manufacture, conducting a large and



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profitable business for more than forty years, making a specialty of producing cotton warp goods, which were extensively sold throughout the country. The business averaged one hundred thousand dollars per year, and employed a force of fifty skilful workmen. In 1890 Mr. Gillett practically retired from active pursuits, but is still financially interested with J. W. Flint in conducting a large lumber business, and is still owner personally of the village grist-mill.

On May 6, 1845, Daniel B. Gillett was united in marriage to Charlotte Woods, daughter of Leonard Woods, of Enfield. Mrs. Charlotte W. Gillett died August 20, 1856, leaving two children, as follows: Daniel Bates, Jr., who was born May 5, 1846, and is now an expert mining engineer on the Pacific Coast; and Rufus W., born August 18, 1849, who is now a physician in Danville, Ill. Daniel B. Gillett, Jr., married Anna S. Carr, and has two children, namely: Charlotte E. W., born December 5, 1868; and Burroughs E. C., born in April, 1870. Rufus W. Gillett married Alice Wilkinson and has two children: Daniel W., born October 28, 1882; and Rufus W., Jr., born July 11, 1892. On September 25, 1858, Mr. Daniel B. Gillett married for his second wife Persis L. Winslow, sister of Dr. J. W. Winslow, of Easthampton. She died March 20, 1880.

Mr. Gillett is one of the oldest residents of Enfield. He has been an active and energetic business man, and is now enjoying a well-earned retirement. His homestead, which consists of twenty-five acres, is delightfully situated upon an elevation of one hundred feet above Swift River at the foot of Mount Quabbin, and is surrounded by the beautiful mountain scenery of Western Massachusetts. The valley is supposed to have been a favorite hunting-ground of the Indians, and many relics are found there. Mr. Gillett has in his possession

a large number of these, and he also has several letters written by his grandfather during the Revolutionary War. He is an exceedingly pleasant gentleman to meet and a general favorite with his fellow-townsmen. He has been a member of the Congregational church since early manhood. He was formerly a Whig in politics, but later joined the Republican party, and served as a Selectman and in other town offices for several years, one of which he was Postmaster. He was County Commissioner for two years, and in 1865 and 1866 he was a member of the State Senate from the district which included Hampshire and Franklin Counties. He is a member of Bethel Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Enfield, and also High Priest in King Solomon Royal Arch Chapter, now removed to Warren, Mass.

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JAMES GRANGER, one of the oldest and best known of the many enterprising agriculturists of Middlefield, Hampshire County, Mass., was born in Sidney, Delaware County, N.Y., on November 3, 1822.

His father, Henry Granger, was a native of Connecticut. He removed in middle life to the State of New York, where he spent his last years, engaging in the vocation of a farmer, which he followed with good results. He married Miss Sophia Greisley, who was also born in Connecticut, and their union was blessed by the birth of ten children, seven sons and three daughters; namely, Henry (deceased), Edward, Maria, James, Norman (deceased), Daniel, Reuben (deceased), Eliza, Dennis, and Clara. Their parents were not in affluent circumstances, and therefore the children received but meagre educational advantages, though a part were self-educated. The father was a Whig. He died April 6, 1836, and his wife in 1875.

James Granger, who was only about fourteen years of age when his father died, was put out during the remainder of his minority with Ezra Smith, a farmer, with whom he came to Middlefield, Mass., in 1842. After being employed for about six years in working out by the month in different places he purchased the farm on which he now resides. It contains one hundred acres of pasturage and of tillable land, which is kept in a good state of cultivation and yields profitable returns. He also engages to a moderate extent in stock growing.

Mr. Granger was married in the fall of 1846 to Miss Lucy Damon, a daughter of John and Armena (Combs) Damon, the former of whom was a native of Middlefield, Mass., and the latter of the town of Chester. Eight children came to brighten their home, as follows: Francis Henry, who married Miss Rebecca Smart, and now resides in Chester, Mass.; Mary Jane, living in Huntington, Mass.; Edward and Edwin, who are twins, the latter of whom married Miss Ellen Dye and resides at Unadilla Forks, N. Y., and the former married Miss Ellen Spooner and settled in Barre, Mass.; Almon, who lived only to the age of nineteen years; Lucy Maria, who died at seventeen years of age; James Edson, who died in his fifteenth year; and George, when but ten years of age. They were all educated in the common schools. Their mother, who was a highly intelligent woman, died on November 6, 1861.

On December 13, 1867, Mr. Granger formed a second marriage with Mrs. Nancy A. Alvord, a woman of superior worth, born June 15, 1828, in West Springfield, Mass. Mr. Granger is a stanch Republican and has always been a faithful supporter of that party. He has served as Road Commissioner for several years, and he and his wife are communicants of the Baptist church.

**A**NSEL WRIGHT, a native resident of Northampton, Mass., and Deputy Sheriff of Hampshire County, was born on November 29, 1832. He is a descendant of one of the earliest settlers of the town, Samuel Wright, who came from England in 1654, and located on land now included in Bridge Street.

Asahel Wright, the paternal grandfather of Ansel Wright, was a lifelong resident of Northampton, dying at a ripe old age in 1833. He was a well-known citizen and a veteran of the Revolution, having served bravely in various battles. His wife, Rachel Searle, of Southampton, died in 1831. Three children were born to them, namely: one son, who died when nine years of age; a daughter Anna; and a son, Ansel, Sr. Anna Wright married Deacon E. S. Phelps, who was subsequently one of the pioneer settlers of Princeton, Ill., and became quite prominent in the public and business life of the town.

Ansel Wright, Sr., who was born in Northampton in 1797, carried on a successful grocery business in company with Theodore Rust for twenty-five years. This partnership was succeeded by one entered into with his son, George F. Wright, in the same profitable business, and continued from 1848 till 1857, the firm name being A. Wright & Son. The father was Deputy Sheriff for thirty-seven years preceding his death, which occurred February 19, 1872. He married on June 1, 1825, Elizabeth Boleyn, who was born in 1803, in Enfield, Conn., of English origin, a daughter of Elijah and Electa (Pease) Boleyn, and died September 10, 1848. They were the parents of nine children. Four of these, Asahel, Asahel (second), Henry, and Harriet, died under six years of age. Elizabeth died at the age of nine years.

Of the rest, George F., who died in 1865,

aged thirty-nine years, for nearly nineteen years of his life served as Deputy Sheriff, having been appointed the day he was twenty-one years old, and was also Collector of Internal Revenue from 1862 to his death. He left a daughter, who married Lewis T. Hall, of Chicago, and a son, George F., Jr., who resides with his mother in Chicago. Chauncey Wright, who graduated from Harvard College in the class of 1852, was an eminent scientist; he died in 1875, aged forty-five years, leaving valuable writings, which have been compiled and published, together with a sketch of his life, by Professor J. B. Thayer, of Cambridge. He was an instructor under Professor Agassiz, and was engaged by the government to prepare with Professor Runkle the Nautical Almanac. Frederick C. Wright enlisted as a private in the Tenth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, was promoted within three months to the rank of Lieutenant in the Twenty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, was wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, June 4, 1864, and died in Washington from his injuries twenty-three days later, June 27, aged twenty-five years. His body was brought home for interment in the beautiful resting-place for the dead in Northampton.

Ansel Wright, Jr., subject of this sketch, was the fourth child and the third son of the family. In 1857 he became a member of the firm of G. F. Wright & Co., and for many years was prominent in the grocery trade of this city. He has also been an extensive dealer in ice, having continued until 1891 as owner and manager of the business commenced by his father in 1842, and which is now incorporated as the Norwood Ice Company.

On November 22, 1858, Mr. Wright was united in marriage with Sarah L. Fitts, a daughter of Robert and Lucy (Bangs) Fitts, of this town. Mrs. Wright has two sisters: Mrs.

Mary Nutting, of Indianola, Ia.; and Mrs. Hannah B. Wright, widow of George F., of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have had four children, one of whom, Sadie H., died in 1881, aged fifteen years. The others are as follows: Elizabeth B., wife of A. F. Hatch, an attorney of Chicago; Frederick W., a commercial traveller for the William Skinner Manufacturing Company, residing in New York; and Lucy F., wife of Dana Pearson, of this town, and the mother of two daughters, Dorothy and Elizabeth.

Mr. Wright is one of the active business men of this part of the county who take an earnest interest in public affairs. By the honest and efficient discharge of his duties as Deputy Sheriff (having held that office for nearly thirty years), and in other positions of responsibility, he has gained the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens. He was Collector of Internal Revenue from 1865 till 1869, Constable of the town and city for thirty years, engineer of the fire department five years, and for twelve years coroner. He is Vice-President and one of the Trustees of the Hampshire Savings Bank, and a Director in the Hampshire Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Mr. Wright has also served for sixteen years as President and Treasurer of the Northampton Dyke Company. He has taken the thirty-second degree in Masonry, is a Knight Templar, and has been Treasurer of the Commandery and the Chapter. His brother George was also prominent in the Masonic order, being Master of Jerusalem Lodge.

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**H**ENRY S. GERE, proprietor and publisher of the Hampshire *Gazette*, a prominent citizen of Northampton and a man of wide-spread influence, was born in Williamsburg, Mass., April 30, 1828, son

of Edward and Arabella (Williams) Gere. His paternal grandfather, Isaac Gere, whose parents were Nathan and Jerusha Gere, was born in Preston, Conn., December 6, 1771, and died in Northampton, Mass., September 24, 1812. He was a jeweller by trade, and in 1800 he erected directly opposite the Old Church the first brick store built in Northampton. He was first married on March 1, 1798, to Jemima, daughter of Enos and Abigail Kingsley, of Northampton, and by this union had three children, as follows: Edward, who was born at Northampton, Mass., December 19, 1798; Lucy, born September 11, 1800, died in infancy; Isaac, Jr., who was born February 3, 1803, and died in Oxford, Ohio, in 1851, whither he had gone in 1838. Isaac Gere, Jr., was a man well known in Williamsburg, Mass., where he was engaged as a merchant and woollen manufacturer, and served as Selectman and member of the legislature. He left two sons and daughters. For his second wife Isaac Gere, Sr., married Lucy Ware, by whom he had two sons, Frederick and William, and one daughter, Lucy, who married Dr. Brown, and died in Ohio at an advanced age.

Edward Gere, father of Henry S., was a graduate of Yale College, but on account of impaired health gave up his contemplated professional career and settled on his farm in the northerly part of Williamsburg. He took an active interest in public affairs, and at the time of his death held the office of Selectman. He was a prominent member of the Methodist church and one of the most respected citizens of the town. He was married on October 14, 1824, to Arabella Williams, daughter of Gross Williams, of Williamsburg, Mass. She was born January 6, 1805, and died at Williamsburg, March 5, 1893. Their three children were: Edward W., born April 8, 1826, who

died in Leamington, England, on the day of his mother's death here; Henry S., of Northampton; and Collins, born November 25, 1830, who died at Southampton, April 22, 1882. Edward W. and Collins were manufacturers of brass goods, of the firm of Hayden, Gere & Co., having their headquarters in New York City and their factory at Haydenville in Hampshire County, Massachusetts. Edward Gere, the father, died September 24, 1832, in Williamsburg, where both he and his wife are buried.

Henry S. Gere acquired a good practical education in the public schools of Williamsburg and at Wilbraham Academy and Williston Seminary. His business career began at the age of seventeen, when on March 5, 1845, he became the printer's "devil" in the office of the Hampshire *Herald* in Northampton. This was the first abolition paper in Western Massachusetts, and had but recently been started. In 1847 young Gere rose to the position of editor. About a year later the Hampshire *Herald* was merged into the Northampton *Courier*, previously a Whig organ; and it was published by Mr. Gere, who had now become its owner, as a Free Soil paper for nearly ten years. In November, 1858, the *Courier* and the *Gazette* were united under the name of the Hampshire *Gazette*, which became the leading Republican paper of the county. Since that time the paper has been published on Gothic Street, in the building purchased by the owners of the *Gazette* over thirty years ago. The *Gazette* is now in its one hundred and tenth year.

In 1862 Mr. Gere enlisted in the Fifty-second Massachusetts Infantry, Company C, as a private, and was in the Banks' expedition to Louisiana. While in rendezvous at Baton Rouge, previous to the attack of Port Hudson, he was appointed Postmaster by General Grover, and held that office until the expira-





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tion of his term of service. Soon after the regiment returned, its members formed an association, of which Mr. Gere was chosen secretary and treasurer, which position he still holds. He was married August 22, 1849, to Martha, daughter of Simeon P. and Dorcas (Clapp) Clark, of Easthampton. They buried one child, Frederick, at the age of six years. Their living children are: George S., a printer; Collins H. and Edward C., both associate editors and partners with their father; Mary E., a graduate of Smith College, and at the present time a teacher in the Western Female College in Oxford, Ohio; William H., a reporter on the Hampshire *Gazette*; and Martha F., a young lady residing at home.

In politics Mr. Gere is an unswerving Republican and an ardent advocate of the principles of his party. In November, 1858, he was chosen Treasurer of the County of Hampshire, in which capacity he served from January 1, 1859, to January 1, 1877, a period of eighteen years. He served as chairman of the Republican County Committee twenty-five years, for six years was on the general School Committee, is one of the Trustees of the Northampton Institution for Savings, and has held various other positions of trust and responsibility. In 1890 the honorary degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by Amherst College. He and his family reside at 75 High Street, where in 1888 he erected his fine residence. The location is picturesque and commands a splendid view of the fair landscape stretching over the beautiful meadows to Mounts Holyoke and Tom in the distance.

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**A**RTHUR J. N. WARD, an enterprising lumberman and manufacturer of Enfield, Mass., was born in this town, June 11, 1849, son of Benjamin and

Elizabeth W. (Hanks) Ward. The Ward family has been a prominent one in England for several centuries. Some of its early progenitors accompanied William the Conqueror from Normandy, and William de la Ward resided in Chester in 1175. The original ancestor in America was William Ward, who emigrated from Derbyshire in 1639, and from whom Arthur J. N. Ward is directly descended. Ebenezer Ward, Mr. Ward's grandfather, was born July 19, 1773; and he became an early settler in Belchertown, Mass. He followed agricultural pursuits with prosperous results during the active period of his life, and died in Belchertown at an advanced age. He and his wife, Rebecca Randall Ward, raised a family of eleven children, of whom Benjamin, Mr. Ward's father, was the eighth. All have now passed away.

Benjamin Ward was born in Belchertown in 1809. He learned the trade of a millwright, and in 1830 settled in Enfield, where he followed that occupation for some years. He later built a saw-mill, which he operated successfully for many years, becoming well and favorably known throughout this region. He was a sturdy, industrious citizen and an able business man, liberal in his religious views; and, like the majority of the old Whig element, he joined the Republican party at its formation. He died in Enfield, July 14, 1888. His wife, Elizabeth W. Hanks, who was born in Enfield in 1812, became the mother of two children, namely: Benjamin H., who was born July 25, 1844, and was accidentally killed in the saw-mill, May 10, 1861; and Arthur J. N., the subject of this sketch. The mother died October 8, 1884.

Arthur J. N. Ward was educated in the schools of his native town, and from an early age he has been engaged in the manufacturing of lumber. He entered into partnership with

Cyrus F. Woods, and this firm has since been identified with the lumbering interests of Enfield. They cut, haul, and manufacture all kinds of native lumber, and operate two mills, which are equipped with improved machinery. They have handled as high as two million feet per annum, and they own about four hundred and eighty-four acres of timber land, from which they obtain their logs. Mr. Ward owns the old homestead of sixty-seven acres, where he resides; and this he conducts with good results. In politics he is a Republican, and is quite prominent in local public affairs. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for several years past, is also an Assessor, and is at the present time chairman of the Republican Town Committee.

Mr. Ward has been twice married. His first wife, Emma L. Witherell, whom he wedded September 20, 1871, died January 6, 1894, leaving no children. On January 16, 1895, he married for his second wife Lucy E. Fairbanks, a native of Ware, Mass. Mr. Ward is an enterprising and progressive business man and a highly esteemed citizen, who has contributed much toward the development of the natural resources of his native town.

A portrait of this representative citizen appears on a neighboring page.

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**R**EV. HENRY LUTHER EDWARDS, of Northampton, Mass., is a native of Hampshire County. He was born January 24, 1822, in Southampton, where his progenitors had dwelt for several generations. The name of Edwards has long been one of the most widely known and honored in Western Massachusetts. The family, including the Jonathan Edwards branch, originated in Wales, Alexander Edwards, the emigrant ancestor of the branch under consideration, com-

ing thence in 1640 to Springfield, Mass., where he remained till 1655, a cultivator of the soil, like most others.

He then removed to Northampton, being attracted by the fertility of the bottom lands of the Connecticut River known as "The Meadows," and here, too, engaged in farming until his decease, September 4, 1690. He married the widow of John Searle, Mrs. Mary Baldwin Searle. She had a son, John Searle, Jr., who came with his step-father, Alexander Edwards, to Northampton, and became a well-to-do farmer. A half-century later John Searle, third, was killed by Indians with nineteen others at the foot of Mount Tom; and twenty years after that, in 1724, Nathaniel Edwards met his death in like manner. Nathaniel Searle, grandson of John, second, was one of the more prosperous and influential of the pioneer settlers of Southampton. He seems to have been the principal man in ecclesiastical affairs, securing and entertaining the ministers on every occasion, Jonathan Edwards among others.

Samuel Edwards, a son of Alexander and Mary B. S. Edwards, was born March 7, 1643, in Springfield, and died April 13, 1712, in Northampton. His son Samuel, the next in line of descent, was born March 26, 1676, and died March 8, 1749. He was twice married, his wives, whose names were Pomeroy, having been sisters; and among his descendants that became noted were the Rev. Dr. Justin Edwards and Professor Bela B. Edwards, men of exalted character and ability, and among the more renowned divines in New England. Samuel Edwards, the third of that name, was born in Northampton, September 12, 1716, removed to Southampton in 1753, and died there in 1790. His wife, Catherine Clark, was a woman of superior character and intelligence. She was a daughter of Deacon John

Clark, of Northampton, and lineally descended from Lieutenant William Clark, who emigrated from England soon after the departure of the Pilgrims, and was known in Northampton as "the Most Worshipful William Clark."

In Southampton, Samuel Edwards, third, became very prominent in local affairs, having been long Town Clerk and Town Treasurer and a Deacon in the church. For upward of forty years he was engaged in teaching in Northampton and Southampton during the winter seasons; and the old arm-chair used by him in the school-room is now finely cushioned and highly prized, being owned by Caroline Edwards, of Southampton, a descendant, and a cousin of the gentleman to whom this sketch is due. This Samuel Edwards had four daughters and three sons—Samuel, Luther, and Elisha. The first settled in Westhampton, the others in Southampton, all being leading citizens.

Luther was born in 1756 and died in 1834. He was known as Ensign, and served briefly in the war of the Revolution, as did also his brother Elisha. He inherited some three hundred acres of his father's one thousand. He was a thoughtful man, thrifty in his business and highly esteemed, representing his town in a Constitutional Convention, and being a member repeatedly of the General Court. He was twice married. His first wife, Sarah Sheldon, died in middle life, leaving five children: Asenath, Ralph, Sarah, Luther, and Atossa. His second wife was Clarissa Judd, the mother of Clarissa and Electa Edwards, and the daughter of the Rev. Jonathan Judd, who was the first minister settled in Southampton, a pastor of the Congregational church there for forty years.

Luther Edwards, second, was born in Southampton, December 16, 1792, and died there September 12, 1863. He was loyal to his town, giving hundreds of dollars to the acad-

emy and the canal, and bequeathing a town clock in his will. He was one of the substantial agriculturists of his native place, inheriting a farm of some two hundred acres, one hundred or more of woodland, also a distillery which was very profitable, but was early abandoned for example's sake. He was active and of quick discernment, well-read and intelligent, and served acceptably in town and county offices, in the legislature, as Selectman, County Commissioner, etc. He was a student of the Bible, especially fond of history, had a fine memory, and began a classical course, which was interrupted by ill health. He was united in marriage with Rachel Searle, of Chester, Mass., daughter of Zenas and Rachel (Bates) Searle. Luther and Rachel (Searle) Edwards lost two daughters in infancy, and two in young and very promising maidenhood—Catherine Louisa dying in 1845, aged twenty-three years; and Sarah Marietta in 1843, aged seventeen years. Another daughter, Susan Sophia, has just deceased, April 10, 1895, aged sixty-two. She was active, but modest and unassuming, known for her kind and sympathetic nature and her deeds of love and beneficence. More than a tenth of her means she left to various charities, four hundred dollars to the Congregational church in Southampton. She occupied the old home during her life, and made a happy meeting-place for the relatives. Rachel Corinthia, one of the six daughters, survives. She is the widow of Isaac Parsons, who was the son of Theodore and the grandson of the first Isaac, who married her grandmother. Mrs. Rachel S. Edwards survived her husband twenty-seven years, dying January 28, 1890, at the venerable age of ninety-six years, having retained to a remarkable degree her mental and physical vigor, and receiving to the last the tireless care of her daughter Susan.

Henry Luther Edwards was reared on the old farm until eighteen. He fitted for college at Sheldon Academy and Williston Seminary, and was graduated at Amherst College in 1847, standing second in his class. Previous to entering college Mr. Edwards had taught town schools in Southampton two winters, and while a student he taught for two winters in the Sheldon Academy. After his graduation he was an instructor for a term in the new Williston Seminary. He was urged to continue there, but he had the study of theology in view and repaired to Andover Theological Seminary. He left Andover, however, in 1849, to accept a tutorship in Amherst College, where he taught the classics three years. While a student at Amherst he was leader of the college choir. Afterward at Easthampton and Andover he had classes in vocal music. In 1853 and 1854 he was an instructor in Northampton Classical Institute. While here he was offered the principalship of the New Conway Academy, then contemplated, a position having before been tendered him in Pittsfield Ladies' Institute.

But having been licensed in 1850, and having while teaching supplied pulpits in many churches, he accepted instead a call from Abington, Mass., now Whitman, where he ministered to a large and growing church for twelve years. His health becoming much impaired, he spent nearly a year in rest and travel, including a winter in Washington. He had had cordial overtures from Leicester, Middleboro, Fair Haven, Conn., and Manchester, N.H., but in 1868 accepted a much smaller parish in North Middleboro, where he had an interesting pastorate for some six years. Still suffering from too much sedentary work, and having a call to the superintendence of schools in Northampton, his old home and that of his kindred, he closed his engagement with

that people, June 30, 1873, and began here the next day. His services continued until 1876, three years having been the ordinary term in those days of unsettled opinions as to this office. His faithful administration and helpful labors are remembered and often mentioned by the many teachers who taught in that period.

Not caring to resume a pastorate, and his family preferring to remain in town, he was led to establish in 1877 the first Western Loan and Trust Company agency in this locality, it being incorporated as The New England Loan and Trust Company of Des Moines, Ia. He has since carried on a fairly profitable business, his systematic, honest, and upright methods of transaction winning the confidence and meeting the approval of all concerned. Some eight or ten rival agencies have sprung up and passed away, the New England Agency, as at first, so now, the only one here extant. Mr. Edwards has written much for the local press, and among his published works are a "History of the Searle Family" and an address on "The Death of Abraham Lincoln."

On October 16, 1867, Mr. Edwards was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary Blankinship Dyer, widow of Elisha Dyer, of Abington, and a daughter of William N. Thomas, of Rochester, Mass. This estimable lady died January 6, 1884, aged fifty-one. Two children were the fruit of this union: Harry Dearborn, born July 25, 1868, died October 16, 1868; the other, Halley Winslow, born in Middleboro, August 13, 1870, was graduated from Amherst College in 1891, and though hindered by imperfect vision has done much advanced work in the Latin and Greek courses. Mrs. Edwards had two daughters by her first marriage; namely, Adelaide Frances and Elizabeth Cummings. The former, a lady of much taste and culture in art study, having been at Smith College in its first year, married

F. N. Kneeland, Cashier of the First National Bank of Northampton. They have two children living. Elizabeth C., unmarried, who makes herself welcome and widely useful, is a graduate of the Northampton High School.

It may be added of Mr. Edwards that, though having never been abroad, he has travelled very extensively in this country and Canada, from Maine to Florida, to California, and Victoria in British America, having traversed all the routes to the Pacific and seen all our grand divisions but Arkansas, Indian Territory, and Oklahoma.

**WALKER BROTHERS.** This is the leading mercantile firm of Greenwich, and the name is also prominent in the farming and lumbering interests of Hampshire County and vicinity. William H. and George B. Walker are both natives of Hardwick, Worcester County, Mass., the former having been born November 30, 1857, the latter September 9, 1862. They are the sons of James A. and Sarah (McClintock) Walker. Their great-grandfather, Abel Walker, removed from Rehoboth to Hardwick in 1779, and was one of the first settlers in the town. Three generations succeeding him were born on the farm which he cleared. Notwithstanding the severity of his toil in felling the forests and breaking up new land, and the hardships and discomforts of country life in New England one hundred years ago, he lived to an advanced age.

William Walker, son of Abel, was born in Rehoboth, and came with his father to Hardwick when a lad. He, too, reared his family and died. His son James, the father of the Walker brothers, succeeded him, and in time became one of Hardwick's most prominent men. A good practical farmer, he was very

successful in business matters; and in public affairs also he took a leading part. He was elected Representative to the State legislature on the Republican ticket, and in his native town served as Selectman and in a number of minor offices, his good judgment and executive ability being universally recognized. In religious views he was liberal. James A. Walker died at the age of seventy. His wife, Mrs. Sarah M. Walker, who is a native of Ware, Mass., is still living, making her home with her son George B., in Greenwichville. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. James Walker; namely, Susan, Fanny P., William H., George B., and Mary — the latter being the wife of Dr. Davis, of Hardwick.

William H. and George B. Walker grew to manhood on the farm in Hardwick, in their early years attending the district school in that town, and later finishing their studies in Brimfield. Both brothers have been for years engaged in farming and lumbering. They carry on general farming on an extensive scale, owning twelve hundred acres of land in Greenwich, Hardwick, and other towns in the vicinity. The estate on which Abel Walker settled in 1779 is kept in fine condition, its general appearance betokening good management and thrift. It is a beautiful homestead, the fine old hard maples which have lived through the storms of many years still guarding in stately rows the approach to the old residence. The lumbering business of the Walker Brothers is also quite extensive. They own and operate a large saw-mill in Greenwich, which they purchased in 1883, and with the latest improved machinery are prepared to turn out all kinds of lumber for building purposes, also manufacturing a large amount of box lumber, their yearly output in all amounting to over half a million feet. In 1890 they established a general store in Greenwich. This enterprise

is under the especial charge of the younger brother, George B. Walker.

William H. Walker was married November 25, 1883, to Ella M. Hillman, a native of Hardwick, born in 1858. Four children have blessed their union: James H., Stephen H., Charles D., and Laura E. Mr. Walker is a Republican in politics, and his only social affiliation is with the Masonic fraternity. On the subject of religion both brothers hold liberal views.

George B. Walker was married June 22, 1892, to Hattie, daughter of Alden and Sophia Snow, of Galeville, N.Y. They have a family of two children, Raymond and Sophia. George Walker also is a Republican. He served as Selectman during 1892-93, and is now on the board; and he also holds the office of Overseer of the Poor, and has filled minor offices. He is a member of the Masonic Order, belonging to Bethel Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Greenfield. His wife is a member of the Congregational church at Greenwich.

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**E**DWARD BAKER, whose portrait accompanies the present sketch, is a practical farmer in prosperous circumstances, living in the eastern part of Chesterfield. He was born in this town, November 12, 1839. His parents were Andrew K. and Evelina (Edwards) Baker, both of Chesterfield, the former born February 6, 1806, the latter November 10, 1810. Andrew K. Baker was a prominent citizen, and was engaged in farming up to the time of his death. He was a man of amiable disposition, open-hearted and kindly in his ways, and was universally regretted when he died, on February 20, 1866. His wife, to whom he was united in Chesterfield, December 29, 1831, is yet living. They were the parents of four children, namely:

Esther, born August 28, 1833, who lives with her mother in Chesterfield; Clemina, born October 28, 1835, who married Amos Hawkes, of Goshen, on December 27, 1855, and died December 13, 1889, her husband following her to the last home in February, 1893; Edward, the subject of this sketch; and John Howard, born November 19, 1846, who died in St. Paul, Minn., November 30, 1872.

Edward Baker received a good education in the schools of Hampshire County. At the age of nineteen he left home, going to work in a grocery store owned by Almon S. Ludden at Easthampton, which had a market attached, where he learned the trade of meat cutting. Two years later he went to Goshen to work as a butcher, remaining for some time. In 1865 he purchased the farm that he now occupies, which then comprised one hundred acres; and he has since doubled his possessions, being now the owner of two hundred acres. Mr. Baker worked at his trade during the first four years that he lived on the farm, but now his whole time is devoted to farming, and his crops are the source of a handsome income.

On July 4, 1861, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth A. Damon, daughter of Marlon and Adeline (Campbell) Damon, who was born June 5, 1845. Mr. Damon was a native of North Adams, and his wife of Northampton. He has been for many years engaged in farming in Goshen; and there his daughter was born, and there she met her fate in the shape of the young butcher, for it was during his stay in Goshen that Mr. Baker became a Benedict. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Baker has been brightened by three children, namely: Addie Florence, born November 7, 1862, who died March 21, 1864; Lettie Isabelle, born February 5, 1865, who married Arthur A. Brooks, and lives in Housatonic, Mass.; and Ida Agnes, born October 1, 1867, who mar-



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ried John E. Burr, of Worthington, and has one child, Harold.

Politically, Mr. Baker is an advocate of Prohibition. He is not an office-seeker, but was for several years Road Surveyor in Chesterfield. Mrs. Baker is a member of the Advent church in Goshen, and has always taken an active interest in church work. They have a comfortable dwelling, which, surrounded by its ample grounds, makes a pleasant country home.

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**H**ARMIDASSE LUSSIER, baker and dealer in bread, cake, and pies in Northampton, has built up an extensive and lucrative trade in this city, and has the reputation of making the finest and most wholesome of bakery products. He is a native of Canada, in which country he was born, October 24, 1858, a son of Peter Lussier, who was born in the same province on Christmas Day, 1831. His father, Joseph Lussier, also a native of Canada, was there engaged in farming for the greater part of his active life, although the year preceding his death was spent in Holyoke, where he died at the age of sixty years. He was twice married, his first wife, grandmother of our chief subject, bearing him five children, and his second wife eight. Peter Lussier lived in Canada until after his union with Derimenne Charbonneau in 1853. In 1867 he removed with his family to Holyoke, where he learned the baker's trade, which he followed there for nine years. In 1886 he opened a bakery in Springfield in partnership with his eldest son, Peter Lussier, Jr.; and they are still carrying on a thriving business in that city. Of the thirteen children born to the parents five sons and three daughters are now living, and, with the exception of a daughter in Canada, are residents of the old Bay State.

Harmidasse Lussier learned the trade of baker from his father in Holyoke. In 1885 he went to Northampton, where he worked two years as baker for Mr. Couture. He then went to Leeds and engaged in business for himself, remaining there three years and meeting with a fair degree of success; but desiring a larger field of operation he came to Northampton and purchased his present home and bakery. He is now well established, and enjoys a large and increasing trade. Mr. Lussier was united in marriage November 24, 1879, to Margaret Dauyard, a daughter of Michelle Dauyard, of Canada, she being one of a family of four daughters and five sons born to her parents. The two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lussier passed but a short time on earth, their little son dying in infancy, and a winsome little girl when two and a half years old. Their household, however, is brightened by the presence of two adopted children, Wilfred Lamontagne, a boy of sixteen years, and Albinia (Labrèche) Lussier, a beautiful child of five years. Mr. Lussier is a man of unquestioned integrity, and by his steady industry and honest business methods has won the respect of the community. Socially, he is a member of the Foresters and of the St. Jean Baptiste Society; and, religiously, both he and his wife are devout and faithful members of the French Catholic Church.

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**E**LLEN GOODELL SMITH, eldest daughter of Asahel Goodell, and sister of L. W. Goodell, was born at Belchertown, Mass., August 25, 1835. She acquired her elementary education in the common schools, and, after pursuing higher branches of study two terms at the Amherst Academy, taught school one term. Compelled by ill health to relinquish her labors, in 1857

she entered Dr. William T. Vail's Granite State Health Institute, at Hill, N.H., where she became interested in the successful method practised there of treating the sick, and decided to become a teacher and a practitioner in the new school.

After a connection of two years with that institution as a patient, student, and assistant, she became a member of a numerous class in the autumn of 1859 at the Hygeio-Therapeutic College, New York City, of which R. T. Trall was the founder. The following winter she was again at the college, and was graduated in the spring of 1861 with the highest honors. Immediately after she became matron and physician at Dr. Vail's Sanitarium, where she remained until the autumn of 1862, when she entered the public lecture field as a demonstrator and instructor of medical, temperance, and health reform. In 1864 she accepted the post of resident physician at Dr. R. T. Trall's Sanitarium in New York City, which she held for a period of two years, during a portion of that time being in charge of the Swedish movement cure and Turkish bath departments. In 1866 she was medical director and physician of the movement cure and Turkish bath departments connected with the sanitarium of Dr. J. H. Hero at Westboro, Mass.

On April 16, 1867, Miss Goodell was united in marriage with Dr. John Smith, of Northfield, Minn.; and during the years 1868 and 1869 they established the first sanitarium and public baths ever introduced in the city of St. Paul. In 1871 Dr. Ellen G. Smith accepted the situation of resident physician in Dr. R. T. Trall's Sanitarium at Philadelphia, and during her residence in that city she introduced parlor lectures to ladies. After three years of the most successful practice in the last-named city she returned to her home at Belchertown, where on August 25, 1874, her

only son, Lindsey Goodell Smith, was born. From 1875 to 1883 Dr. Smith was constantly and successfully engaged in lecturing and practising her profession in Massachusetts and California. In 1883 she retired from active practice, and has since then been engaged in literary work and as an assistant in the office of her brother, L. W. Goodell.

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MRS. LURENE S. GOULD, widow of Solon H. Gould, of Smith's Ferry, who died in 1873, is the daughter of Milo J. and Sally J. (Street) Smith. Her grandfather, Lewis Smith, who was born in West Springfield, was a son of David Smith, whose father also was named David. Lewis Smith settled at Smith's Ferry about one hundred and ten years ago. The great events of his life happened in his early years. He entered the Revolutionary army when a boy of sixteen, and was one of the great contingent of untrained militia which eventually conquered the best-trained army in the world. When scarcely twenty-two he married, and, with his good wife, shouldered the cares of house-keeping. They reared eleven children, all of whom became heads of families; and at one time five of his sons were living contiguous to each other on one street. A daughter Eunice, who is now the widow of Hiram W. Bagg, and resides in Erie, Pa., is a remarkably bright and active lady, though ninety-two years of age, and is engaged in various charitable enterprises, pursuing the work with all the zest of youth.

Milo J. Smith, the father of Mrs. Gould, was a man of good judgment and considerable force of character. He was a manufacturer of cider vinegar, and had a large farm at West Liberty, Ia., where he raised fine stock and horned cattle, in which he dealt quite exten-

sively. In his native town he was a man of note, skilled in business matters; and he settled many estates. In politics he was a Whig and a Republican, and was a Representative in the legislature several terms, serving also as Selectman and Justice of the Peace. He died in 1884, at the age of seventy-six. His wife, Sally J. Street, was born in what is now Holyoke. She lived to be sixty-five, passing away in 1874, and is interred in the family lot with her husband at Smith's Ferry. They reared three children: Milo L., a farmer at Smith's Ferry, who died in 1891, when about sixty years of age, leaving a son and daughter; Lurene, Mrs. Gould; and Josephine, who died in 1876, at the age of thirty-five.

In 1862 Lurene Smith became the wife of Solon H. Gould, a native of Charlestown, N.H., son of Joseph and Abigail (Hagar) Gould. Joseph Gould was a farmer and reared his son to the same vocation. He had but one other child, a daughter, who passed to the world beyond when but twenty years of age. Solon H. Gould's life was a brief one, covering but thirty-five years. A daughter, Stella L., born to him and his wife, entered the valley of the shadow of death just at the dawn of womanhood.

Mrs. Gould retains her home at Smith's Ferry, but spends part of her time with her nieces and nephews, and also travels a great deal, a few years ago having made the tour of Europe. She is a Congregationalist, belonging to the First Church, of which her husband was also a member.

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**D**R. CHESTER STRATTON, late of Amherst, who in his day was reputed the best dentist in the Connecticut valley, was born in Northfield, Mass., March 19, 1816, son of Roswell and Rhoda (Wright)

Stratton. Roswell Stratton was one of the early settlers of Northfield, and was probably born there. There, it is certain, he died; and his wife, too, breathed her last in that town. Their union was blessed by five children, four of whom grew up. The only survivor of the family at present is Roswell Stratton, who resides in Northfield. Both parents were members of the Unitarian church.

Chester Stratton first attended school and grew to manhood in Northfield. He received a liberal education, and on completing his studies took up the practical work of dentistry, which became his life employment. He located in Amherst in 1843, and was in business in that town, winning honor in his profession and acquiring a modest fortune, up to the time of his death, which occurred August 21, 1867. He was the first Vice-President of the Connecticut Valley Dental Association.

On March 31, 1845, he was united in marriage with Charlotte M., daughter of Shubael and Charlotte (Smith) Kenfield, who was born in Enfield, Mass., February 2, 1824. Shubael Kenfield was born in Belchertown, Mass., February 6, 1801. He was engaged in farming in Enfield the greater part of his life, and was a prominent citizen of that town. Politically, he was a Republican, and held various offices in the town, serving for some time as Selectman and as member of the School Committee. On religious subjects his views were liberal. He died in Enfield, November 26, 1862. His wife, who was born in Williams-town, June 2, 1801, lived to be nearly ninety-two years of age, breathing her last in Belchertown in 1893. She was a member of the Congregational church. They had nine children, one of whom died in infancy. The others were as follows: Timothy S., who resides in Belchertown; Charlotte M., the wife of Dr. Stratton; Mary S., wife of Henry Rus-

sell, of Amherst; Sarah M., wife of Henry J. Stone, of Enfield; Charles S., residing in Washington, D.C.; Elizabeth R., wife of William E. Bridgman, of Belchertown; Emily W., wife of Benjamin T. Hall, of Pleasantville, N.Y.; and Amos W., who resides in Camden, N.Y. Mrs. Stratton has no children.

Politically, Dr. Stratton believed in the Republican doctrines. On religious questions both he and his wife held liberal views. Mrs. Stratton, who came to her pleasant home a young bride in 1845, is still its mistress, after a lapse of fifty years. She represents one of the oldest families of the town, and is a capable business woman, deserving of the respect and esteem universally accorded her.



**L**EANDER L. RHODES, a well-to-do farmer in Westhampton, Hampshire County, Mass., was born in this town, March 23, 1833, son of Spencer L. and Esther (Ludden) Rhodes, the former of Westhampton, the latter of Chesterfield. Spencer L. Rhodes was a farmer, whose entire life was spent in Westhampton, where he died in July, 1876, his wife having passed away nine years before. They were the parents of three children, namely: Leander L.; Albert A., a farmer in Huntsburg, Ohio; and Horace S., who is associated in business with Jacob Holley in Northampton.

Leander L. Rhodes in his childhood attended the public schools of Westhampton, where he mastered the common English branches, and at home learned to do farm work, acquiring in the mean time the knowledge of natural history and the principles of growth and fruition which come to every farmer's boy, to whom Nature's work-room is open from the time when the first tender bud appears on the branch until it is seen

"The unnatural red  
Which Autumn paints upon the perished leaf."

In 1858 Mr. Rhodes bought for a home the estate in Huntington known as the Knight farm, and was there engaged in general farming till 1864, when he purchased the handsome property of which he is now owner. This estate comprises two hundred and seventy acres, about fifty of which are devoted to raising crops. Mr. Rhodes also keeps some good stock.

On January 1, 1857, he was united in marriage with Mariette Adams, who was born in Huntington on April 30, 1837. Her parents, Martin and Sallie (Brown) Adams, were lifelong residents of Huntington. They died some time since. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes has been blessed by the following children, now grown to maturity: Lyman, a farmer in Gove County, Kansas; Lilla, who is with her parents; Carrie, wife of A. M. Coit, of Huntington; and Alice, wife of P. A. Connery, also of Huntington. All enjoyed in childhood and youth good educational advantages.

In politics Mr. Rhodes favors the Republican party. He is not an office-seeker, but has served with credit on the Board of Selectmen for four years in Westhampton. Mrs. Rhodes is a member of the Congregational church in this town. They have a pleasant home, and are enjoying in the afternoon of life the comforts of prosperity for which the master of the house has worked long and well, his good wife, needless to say, performing her full share of the daily tasks, as farmers' good wives do.

An admirable likeness of Mr. Rhodes is placed on the opposite page.

**W**ILLIAM EWING, of Southampton, Mass., whose birth occurred April 18, 1820, in County Donegal, Ireland, is a splendid type of those foreign-



LEANDER L. RHODES.



born citizens who have come to our country in a state of comparative poverty, and with laudable energy and ambition have toiled and saved until they have acquired a competency. His father, a prominent man of County Donegal, where he followed his trade of weaving and also engaged in farming, lived and died on the green sod of his native isle, his death occurring in 1842. He married Flora Butler, and they reared three children: William; Alexander, a farmer, residing in Northampton; and John, now living in Springfield, retired from active business. The mother came to this country with her son William, and here spent her remaining years, dying in July, 1861.

William Ewing was reared and educated in the place of his nativity, and there learned the weaver's trade. Having friends in America, he determined to join them here, being attracted by the superior advantages afforded to the laborer in this country; and on March 10, 1850, accompanied by his mother and his bride, to whom he had been united four days before, and one cousin, he embarked for New York. His wife, formerly Mary Ewing, was a native of County Donegal, born December 18, 1826, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (O'Donnell) Ewing. Her parents afterward emigrated to Massachusetts, locating in Easthampton, where they spent their remaining days. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing landed in New York, April 21, 1850, after a six weeks' voyage, and came directly to Easthampton, where his two brothers were then living. For seven years thereafter he worked at the weaver's trade; and, having by dint of close economy and wise management saved enough money to warrant him in the purchase of a farm, he then bought sixty acres of land, which are now included in his present homestead. Toiling with unwearied interest to clear and improve his land, he has since added to the original

acreage, and while advancing his own welfare has been an important factor in developing the agricultural resources of this section of the county. He carries on general farming and dairying, raising milch cows, and selling his milk to the local creamery.

The home circle of Mr. and Mrs Ewing has been enlarged by the birth of fourteen children, namely: Sarah, wife of John Daley, of Waltham, Mass.; John, living in Northampton; Samuel, of Haydenville; Flora; Margaret Ann, wife of Franklin Howard, of Westhampton; William, who resides with his parents; Maria J., wife of George Brown, of Chicago; Robert, now living at home; Elizabeth, wife of Lyman Clapp, now Selectman at Northampton; Alexander, a resident of Florence, Mass.; Emma, wife of George Hames, of Chelsea, Mass. Margaret Ann and two infants are deceased. Besides these fourteen children Mr. and Mrs. Ewing have an adopted daughter, Margaret N., whom they are rearing with the same care that they bestowed on their own children. Mr. Ewing takes a lively interest in the political affairs of the town, county, and nation, and, having the courage of his convictions, votes for the men and measures he deems the best, being bound by no party ties, although his sympathies are strongly with the Prohibitionists.

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**L**GBERT J. CLAPP, City Clerk of Northampton, Mass., was born at Easthampton, January 15, 1843. His father, Luther Clapp, was a son of Thaddeus Clapp, a native of Easthampton, the latter having been a son of Joseph Clapp. The family are descendants of Major Jonathan Clapp. For a more extended account of the early ancestors the reader is referred to Lyman's History of Easthampton.

Thaddeus Clapp, who was born March 31, 1770, died in the spring of 1861. He was a tavern keeper at Easthampton, and became prominent in public affairs, serving as a Representative to the General Court twelve years, and as Town Treasurer for a period of twenty years. He married a Miss Parsons, by whom he had ten children, three of whom died young, and four sons and three daughters lived to reach maturity. The sons were Theodore, Thornton, Thaddeus, and Luther. The latter and the daughters have passed away. Mr. Clapp's grandmother died at the age of about sixty-five years during his boyhood; but he remembers distinctly her kind, genial face, the large gold beads about her neck, and, perhaps more particularly than anything else, her delicious pumpkin pies.

Luther Clapp and Lucy Pomeroy, of Northampton, daughter of Herman and Lucy (Parsons) Pomeroy, were married on September 7, 1830. Her father was for some years a button manufacturer and country merchant at Easthampton, and between the years 1870 and 1875 moved to Stoversville, N.Y., where he engaged in the wholesale silk and thread trade until 1890, in which time his wife died. His own decease occurred two years later while on a visit to Asheville, N.C. Of the thirteen children born to Luther Clapp, one son died in infancy and two daughters at the age of ten and twelve years. Augustus M. Pomeroy died from exposure while serving as a volunteer in the Civil War; Charles, a teacher, died in 1863, in the prime of life; Joseph Clapp, also a volunteer in the Civil War, died in service, and is buried at Nashville, Tenn.; Lucy P., widow of D. C. Dunfee, resides at Gloversville, N.Y.; Emma L. is the wife of Francis Clapp, of Deerfield; Luther H. resides at Pennington Gap, Va.; Egbert J. is in Northampton; Willis W. also

is a resident of Northampton; Elizabeth H. is the wife of the Rev. William Slocum, a Presbyterian preacher of Iowa; and Leila J. married Edward Pollock, of Albany, N.Y. Luther Clapp died on February 18, 1888, his wife having passed away on June 13, 1886, aged seventy-four years.

Egbert J. Clapp abandoned the parental roof at the age of fourteen, and for three years was employed as a clerk in the store of Samuel Palmer at Feeding Hills. Returning then to Easthampton, he found employment in the same capacity at a store in which the post-office was located, and later worked in the suspender factory. In 1861 he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-first Massachusetts Volunteers, in which he served through the war, and was mustered out at Mobile, Ala., in 1865. His regiment was mounted for about two years and a half; and during the Red River campaign he was disabled by his horse falling upon him, thus causing a permanent injury to his spine, from the effects of which he is lame and obliged to use crutches. After coming back to Hampshire County, Mr. Clapp secured a position as cashier in the freight office of the Connecticut River Railroad at Northampton, and remained in charge of the office for eight years.

He went to St. Johnsbury, Vt., in 1874, and in company with Dr. George W. Roberts entered mercantile business, establishing two stores, one in that place and another in Montpelier, which were devoted to the sale of fancy goods. After disposing of these, in 1875 they established the same business in New York City; and in the autumn of that year Mr. Clapp went to Savannah, Ga., and Charleston, S.C., for the purpose of opening branch stores in these cities. In 1876 he purchased his partner's interest in these; and, closing up the Charleston branch, he de-

voted his attention to the business in Savannah, until compelled to relinquish trade there on account of the continued prevalence of yellow fever, and moved his business to Atlanta. His limbs were in such a crippled state that he was obliged to keep his bed a greater portion of the time, and was therefore unable to personally attend to business, which resulted in his losing the sum of six thousand dollars by the dishonesty of his partner. In 1877 he returned to Northampton, where he engaged in the dry-goods business from 1878 to 1884; at which time he was elected City Clerk, the position he now holds.

Mr. Clapp is a charter member of W. L. Baker Post, No. 86, Grand Army of the Republic, having served as its Quartermaster for some years, or until his resignation, and is a Republican in politics. In 1869 he wedded Miss Annie L. Pratt, of Northampton, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Clapp) Pratt, and has one daughter, Bessie P., aged twelve years. The family reside at 229 Elm Street.

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first wife, Lydia Higgins, mother of Robert Hay, was a native of Buffalo, and died at the age of thirty-one. Besides Robert three children were born to Mr. Hay, namely: Henry, an engineer, who resides in Danvers, Mass.; Allison, widow of Robert Hume; and Elizabeth, widow of the Rev. J. Ashton, who resides in Binghamton, N.Y.

Robert Hay spent his early boyhood in New York State. He became a resident of Connecticut at the age of fifteen. He began to learn carpet-making when a boy of fourteen, and worked at his trade until twenty-six years of age. In 1865 he engaged in the hotel business in Greenwich, assuming charge of the Greenwichville Hotel, which he conducted for six years. He was subsequently proprietor of the hotel at Waltham for three years. Returning to Greenwich, he was three years engaged in the mercantile business, but returned to his former occupation of hotel keeping at the end of that time, taking charge of the Park House at Niagara Falls. At the end of a year he removed to Worcester, where for seven years he was proprietor of the Wa-verly House. He next took charge of the Massasoit House at Spencer, which he conducted for six years. He then returned to Greenwichville, where he has since resided, retired from the cares of active life. As a hotel man he was very popular, and his enterprise and tact insured success wherever he went.

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**R**OBERT HAY, a leading citizen of Greenwich, and at one time a popular hotel keeper, was born in Buffalo, N.Y., September 17, 1838, son of Henry and Lydia (Higgins) Hay. Henry Hay, who was a native of Scotland, was a carpet manufacturer in the old country; and he was also proficient in the art of frescoing. He emigrated to America in 1824 or 1825, and lived for some years in Utica and Buffalo. Later he was conducting a small business in Rochester, N.Y. An industrious and thrifty man, he attained a fair degree of prosperity, but died at the early age of forty-seven in Massachusetts, where the latter part of his life was spent. He was twice married. His

Mr. Hay was united in marriage with Dolly, daughter of Benjamin C. and Huldah (Schoolcraft) Cotton. The Cottons, who are of English origin, were among the first settlers of New Hampshire, and for generations have been prominently identified with the public welfare, taking part in every war for the preservation of the Union. Mrs. Hay's great-grandfather and grandfather were sol-

diers in the Revolutionary army. Her father served in the War of 1812; and two brothers, Gilman and James Cotton, were volunteers in the Federal ranks at the time of the late war. Her father, Benjamin C. Cotton, was one of the leading citizens of Warren, N.H., where Mrs. Hay was born. Seven children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hay: three of them — Dolly, Thomas A., and Inez Blanche — have passed away; Henry is married, and is proprietor of the Dresser House; Addie F. is the wife of Frank Southgate, a manufacturer in Worcester, Mass.; Mabel E. is the wife of Otis Everett, superintendent of the skate factory in Worcester; and Robert, Jr., who also is married, is a shoe cutter in Greenwich.

In political matters Mr. Hay favors the Republican party. He belongs to the Lodge of A. F. & A. M. at Worcester and also to the Continentals of that city. His home, which is one of the finest in Greenwich, a handsome residence surrounded by beautiful grounds, is the centre of genial and courteous hospitality, which none know better how to dispense than Mr. and Mrs. Hay.

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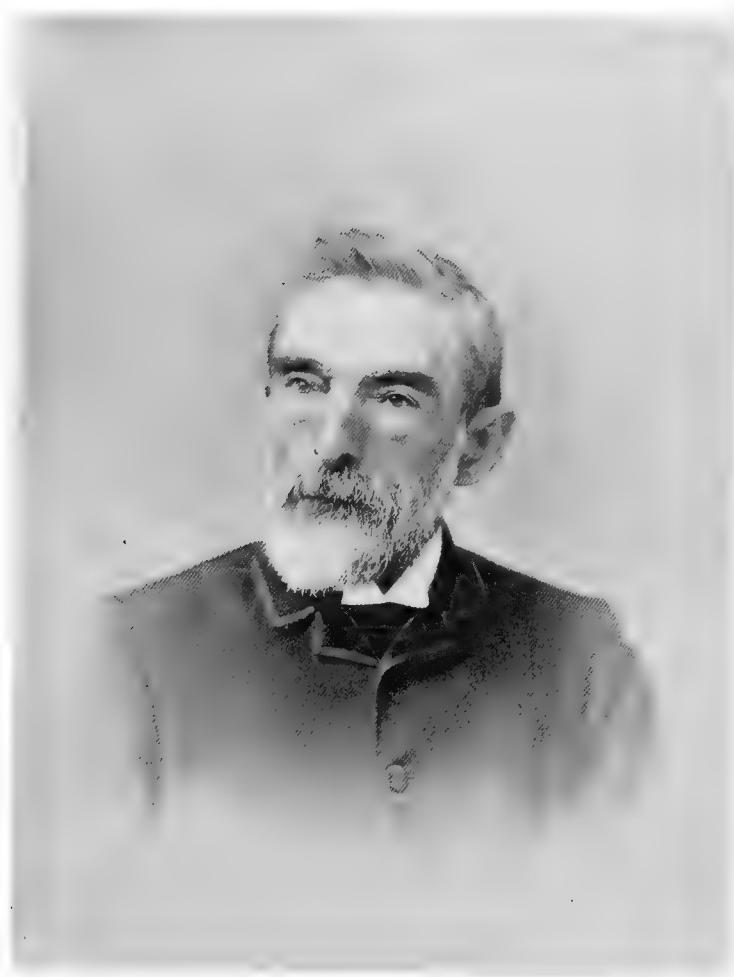
**G**EORGE DRESSER, a well-known and much respected farmer and land-owner of Goshen, was born on the farm where he now resides, July 12, 1820, son of Moses and Vesta (Cushman) Dresser. His grandparents on the paternal side were Reuben and Mary (Burnell) Dresser; and his great-grandfather, Richard Dresser, was the son of Richard Dresser, Sr., who came from England at an early day in the history of this country.

Reuben Dresser, the grandfather, was a native of Charlton, Worcester County, Mass. He moved to Goshen, where his brother-in-

law, William White, was engaged in farming on what is now known as the White homestead, at a time when that part of the journey between Chesterfield and Goshen had to be made on foot, there being but a cow path in place of a road. He bought seven hundred acres of uncultivated land, and cleared about two hundred acres, building thereon a log house, which was later replaced by a large and substantial dwelling, though on a site slightly removed from the original primitive home. He kept a large amount of stock, mostly cattle and sheep, and became one of the most thriving agriculturists of his town. He was a Whig in politics, and held many town offices, which he filled with credit to himself and benefit to his constituents. His marriage to Mary Burnell took place in Chesterfield.

Their son Moses, father of George Dresser, was born on the farm in the large house above referred to, October 27, 1789. He remained at home after reaching manhood, and assisted his father in the duties of the farm, and at the latter's death came into possession of the homestead. He was engaged in general farming; and he also built a saw-mill, and engaged to some extent in lumbering and custom work. Like his father he was a Whig; but on the formation of the Republican party he joined it, and remained faithful to its principles thereafter. He served the town as Selectman for a number of years, and was one of the most prominent citizens of Goshen. He died at the age of eighty-eight years, after a well-spent life. His wife, Vesta Cushman, attained the age of seventy-seven. Their children were by name as follows: Caleb C., Levi, Martha (deceased), George, Dorothy, Chloe, Wealthy, Rufus C., and Martha (second).

George Dresser received his education partly



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at a select school and partly at New Salem Academy. He remained at home, and took care of his parents in their later years, and after their death in 1854 came into possession of the farm. He then sold the place, and went to Hermon, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., where he engaged in mercantile business for some time; but, as the buyer of the estate failed to make good his purchase, the property came again into his possession, and in 1860 he returned to Goshen, and settled down on the homestead of his immediate ancestors. He had previously, in 1846, built the present house; and he has since in other ways improved the property, and is now reckoned among the thriving farmers of the town. His son, George C., resides with him, and takes an active part in the general superintendence of the farm work.

Mr. Dresser was married January 14, 1847, to Miss Alvey Stone, a daughter of Colonel Luther Stone. She was born January 17, 1825, and died October 7, 1893, after many years of faithful performance of her duties as wife and mother. Her children were as follows: Henry B., born December 17, 1849, married Alice Montgomery, and they have four children, and reside in Goshen; George C. was born February 18, 1852; Vesta C., born September 8, 1854, married Edward C. Packard, and died May 18, 1879, at the age of twenty-four years, leaving two children—Edward W. and Laurence.

Mr. Dresser is a Republican in politics. He has served the town as Collector and Treasurer as well as Selectman, and has been School Commissioner for twenty years. He stands high in the estimation of his fellow-townsman, and may be justly considered as a good representative of the farming community of Hampshire County. See portrait on a preceding page.

**A**UGUST K. KAPPEL, well-known as a singing master in South Hadley Falls, was born in Saxe-Weimar, Germany, August 19, 1838, son of George and Gretchen (Rosina) Kappel. Mr. Kappel's father followed agriculture, and was the proprietor of a hotel. He prospered in both undertakings, and died in 1858. His wife, who is still residing in Germany, eighty-four years old, became the mother of the following children: Christiana, who is now dead; Joanna, who resides in Germany; Gottlob, a resident of Meriden, Conn.; John, a resident of Easthampton; August, the subject of this sketch; Ernestine, who still resides in Germany; Minnie, who is dead; Linna, who married August Feustel, and resides in South Hadley Falls; and Richard, who is now in the hotel business in Germany.

August K. Kappel received a good education in the schools of Germany, and at the age of seventeen emigrated to the United States. He settled in South Hadley Falls, and engaged in the paper business, which he followed successfully until 1892. Immediately after his arrival in South Hadley Falls, Mr. Kappel organized the singing clubs, over which he has since continued to preside. He also directs a similar organization in Holyoke. In May of the present year he established himself in the wine and liquor trade in South Hadley Falls, which he is now conducting. He is a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Kappel married Amelia Winter, a native of Saxe-Weimar, daughter of Edward and Ernestine Winter. They have four children, namely: Hugo, a book-binder in Holyoke; Oscar, who is employed at Johnson's drug store as a pharmacist; Selmar, who is now teaching school in South Hadley Falls; and Minnie, who resides at home. Mr. Kappel takes a lively interest in musical organiza-

tions, and is very popular among the various singing clubs.

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**G**EORGE H. W. SMITH, a well-known boot and shoe dealer and jeweller of Ware, was born in Amherst, Mass., June 15, 1860. The family was originally from England, as the name indicates. John W. Smith, great-grandfather of our subject, was one of the first settlers of Westerly, R.I., and was a man of note in his day. He had a factory in Westerly, and was the inventor of a shearing cloth. At his death he left a good property. His son, also named John W., resided in Westerly, and was a dyer by trade. He, like his father, accumulated a good property. His death took place in Amherst about 1886, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. He married Augusta M. Rathbone, of Hartland, Conn.; and they were the parents of eight children, seven sons and one daughter, including triplets, two of the sons and a daughter being born at one birth. One of these three, a son, died in childhood. The other two are now living, one being Augusta, wife of Avery R. Cushman, of North Amherst, and the other, Frank, being a wholesale meat dealer in Providence, R.I. Mrs. Augusta M. Smith, the mother, died in North Amherst when eighty-four years old.

George W. Smith, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Enfield, Mass., about the year 1828, and learned the trade of mechanic, which he has followed most of his active life. He now lives retired on a small farm at North Amherst. He stands high in the community, and is a Master Mason. He married Cynthia Collis, who was born in 1830 in Brimfield, Mass. She was the daughter of Jonathan Collis, of Herkimer, N.Y., who died at Brimfield at the age of seventy-six,

His wife, mother of Mrs. George W. Smith, was Phoebe Parker, a native of Warren, Mass. She died in Brimfield when seventy-two years old. Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith one son and one daughter died in childhood.

George H. W. Smith was the youngest child of his parents. He was educated in the common and high schools of his native town, and began business for himself at the age of twenty years. He came to Ware, October 1, 1889, after being for some time engaged in the jewelry business in Providence, R.I. His experience as a jeweller has covered some twelve or fifteen years in all. He keeps a select stock, embracing the latest novelties in both departments of his business, and is well known as a skilled workman and a thoroughly reliable merchant. Mr. Smith was married September 23, 1889, to Jessie V. Blanchard, of Providence, R.I. Mrs. Smith's parents are the Rev. Albert D. and Mary D. Blanchard, now residents in Salida, Col. They are the owners of a fine ranch in Missouri Park, and Mrs. Smith's father is a Baptist minister. Mr. Smith is independent in politics, but usually votes with the Republican party. He has hitherto escaped the responsibilities of public office, and prefers to devote his attention to the management of his growing business. He and his wife are among the most respected residents of Ware.

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**G**ORDON B. MILLER, of South Hadley, born June 25, 1819, in the house now the home of himself and his sister, is descended from one of the oldest and most respected families of Hampshire County. The house, which was erected by one of his ancestors in the year 1700, has many quaint and curious relics of pioneer

times. Mr. Miller is a son of the late Aaron John and Theodosia (Parsons) Miller, who were born, reared, and married in the town of Ludlow, this county.

Mr. Miller's parents after their marriage commenced housekeeping on this homestead, which was then owned by the groom's grandmother, widow of his paternal grandfather, an early settler of the town. Aaron John Miller was one of the leading farmers of the town and a prominent citizen. In addition to his agricultural ventures he had quite a practice as a country doctor, in which capacity, being familiar with the medicinal properties of herbs and roots, he prescribed and cared for his neighbors whenever they fell sick. His wife, who was his faithful assistant in all of his good works, died November 10, 1854. He survived her, living until January 12, 1866. They reared seven children, as follows: Aaron John, named after his father, who died at the age of fifty-four years; Gordon B., the subject of this sketch; William A., a resident of Holyoke; Jane A., residing in Hadley, the widow of the late Edward R. Gaylord; Reuben P., who died in 1892; Mary E., residing on the old home farm with her brother; and Asa L., who died in October, 1869.

Gordon B. Miller obtained his early education in the pioneer schools of his time. The old log school-house attended by him still stands on land adjoining his farm. On attaining his majority, Mr. Miller began learning the trade of a harness-maker. He worked at it three years in Ludlow, and subsequently four years in Northampton. The indoor confinement proved injurious to his health, and he was obliged to seek more healthful work. Returning to the parental homestead, he assisted in the labors of the farm until the death of his father, since which time he has had full control of the estate. He has about thirty-five

acres of land, mostly under cultivation. In raising hay, corn, and stock he has met with invariable success. Mr. Miller has made many improvements on the property, and has now one of the best-appointed and most valuable estates, for its size, of any in the county. He and his sister are held in high regard throughout the entire community. In politics Mr. Miller is a steadfast Republican, and in religious matters Miss Miller is a valued member of the Congregational church.



WILLIAM C. LATHAM, a retired farmer living at Florence, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, October 26, 1824, son of William and Joanna (Cormac) Latham.

William Latham, who was also a native of County Tipperary, was steward for a state minister, who possessed a large estate. He and his wife reared to adult life four sons and seven daughters. Of these, besides the subject of this sketch, there are now living two daughters in Cincinnati, Ohio, and a son and two daughters in the old country. The youngest member of the family, a son, came to America in early manhood, served in the Civil War as First Lieutenant in a company of cavalry, and when but twenty-six years of age was killed in battle at Baton Rouge, where his remains were subsequently buried.

William C. Latham acquired a practical common-school education, and was reared to farm life in his native land. He embarked March 9, 1849, on a sailing-vessel bound for the United States, and after a voyage of five weeks and four days landed at New York City. After spending a short time with his aunts in Brooklyn, N.Y., he came to Northampton, Mass. Later he secured work in a woollen factory in Leeds, where he was employed for

two years. He next worked at farming, and afterward obtained a salaried position in the meat business. Soon after his marriage, in the fall of 1850, he settled in Florence on four acres of land on West Street, in the locality known as "The Commons," where he erected a comfortable and substantial home.

His wife, whose maiden name was Miss Mary Grady, was born in County Kerry, Ireland. She came to this country alone in 1848, and until her marriage made her home with her brother, Thomas Grady, who then resided in Florence. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Latham, of whom six sons and three daughters grew to adult life. Three were born at Whately, while the rest are natives of Florence. All now reside in Florence except Michael Latham, who lives in Newark, N.J. Those deceased were David Latham, who went to Colorado, where he was killed when but twenty-one years old; and John Latham, who died in 1892, about the age of thirty-five years, leaving a wife and three children, who reside in Florence. William Whately Latham, the contractor of Florence, has met with success in his chosen vocation, and has carried through several large contracts in a very satisfactory manner. His fine stone dwelling, erected in the summer of 1893, is one of the best houses in Florence. He is married, and has a son and daughter. Nathaniel Latham, who is in the cutlery business, resides next to his father. He, too, is married, and has a son and daughter. Henry Latham follows the trade of a painter. He has a wife; and they have three children, two sons and a daughter. William C. Latham and his family are all communicants of the Catholic church. They are highly esteemed in the town, and have a large circle of friends.

**C**HARLES E. STRONG, of Huntington, a well-known farmer and a manufacturer of whetstones, was born in that town October 6, 1853, son of Hopkins and Roxana (Knowlton) Strong. Mr. Strong's father was a lifelong agriculturist and a highly respected citizen of Huntington. He was a Congregationalist in his religious belief, and united with the church. In politics he was an active supporter of the Republican party. He died at the age of sixty-six years. His wife became the mother of two children: Charles E., the subject of this sketch; and Samuel, who died at the age of seventeen.

Charles E. Strong was educated in the schools of Huntington, and was reared to an agricultural life. He resided with his parents and assisted in carrying on the farm, which he took charge of after his father's death. He subsequently engaged in the butchering business, and in 1877 moved to his present farm, which he purchased two years later. The property consists of four hundred acres of land, which he devotes to general farming and stock-raising. An additional source of income on it is a fine trout stream, which is now leased to a Springfield club. Mr. Strong is also extensively engaged in manufacturing scythe-stones. He owns the quarry from which he gets the stone, and he ships his products to different parts of the country. He has always voted with the Republican party, and has served as Highway Surveyor for several years.

On September 5, 1880, Mr. Strong was united in marriage to Mary D. Brown. She was born in Huntington, June 15, 1862, daughter of Aaron Brown, a prosperous farmer of Huntington, and Fanny (Leonard) Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Strong are the parents of three children, namely: Grover C., who was born March 9, 1886; Currier Edward, born March 15, 1891; and Gladys Mary, born January 19, 1895.





N. RAINVILLE.

**R**EV. FATHER N. RAINVILLE, pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart at Northampton, is a native of Canada, born at Marieville in 1846. His parents, Godfrey and Liber (Masse) Rainville, have both passed through death unto the life immortal, the father having died in 1869, aged fifty-four years, and the mother ten years later, having rounded out a period of threescore years. Of their thirteen children but five are now living, namely: four daughters, all of whom are married; and one son, Father Rainville. One brother, Issie Rainville, was for many years a Notary Public.

Father Rainville is of French extraction, the first of the family to settle in this country having been Paul de Rainville, who emigrated from Normandy, France, to Quebec, about 1640. For many generations past the family have been engaged in agricultural pursuits, belonging to the yeomanry of France, though in earlier years they were of the nobility. François de Rainville, father of Godfrey, above named, removed from Quebec to St. Marie, settling in the wilds prior to, or about the time of, his marriage, and there improved a good farm. He was a very prominent and influential resident of that town, and was a member of Parliament one term.

Father Rainville was educated at Petit Seminary de St. Marie de Monnoir, and began his professional labors in this State at the Holyoke Church of the Sacred Heart, where he was assistant priest two years. On January 5, 1886, he assumed charge of his present parish, which was then in its infancy; and his work in this community has been greatly blessed. His force of character, talent, and ability are phenomenal; and it is only through his persistent effort and wise forethought that the French Catholic Church of this city has been completed. He is much beloved and revered

by his parishioners, a large number of people, there being now one thousand communicants in his church; and he readily wins the esteem of others with whom he comes in contact, and whom he impresses by his evident sincerity, kindness, and nobleness of purpose.

As the spiritual director of a large congregation Father Rainville occupies a position of influence and power which is widely and deeply felt and must be the means of great good. Readers of the "REVIEW" will be pleased to observe his likeness among the portraits in this Hampshire County collection.

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**T**HOMAS T. SHUMWAY, a prosperous farmer of South Hadley and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Belchertown, Mass., December 11, 1822, son of Vina and Lavinia (Squires) Shumway. Mr. Shumway's parents were natives and lifelong residents of Belchertown. His father, who was reared to agricultural life, followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1833. His mother was again married, her second husband being Leonard Cole. She died in 1843. Vina Shumway was the father of six children, as follows: Lyman, who was drowned in a pond near Belchertown in 1850; Henry Harrison, who is a wagon-maker, and resides in New Hampshire; Marcus, who died in infancy; Elijah Dwight, a blacksmith and wagon-maker of South Amherst, Mass.; Lavinia, a widow, now residing in this State; and Thomas T., the subject of this sketch.

Thomas T. Shumway at an early age commenced work in a factory. He afterward entered the employ of Asa Clark, of Belchertown, with whom he remained as a farm hand for ten years. He next went to Chicopee Falls, where he was employed by his brother for some time, after which he returned to Bel-

chertown and resumed farming. In 1843 Mr. Shumway moved to South Hadley, where he purchased a farm, and successfully followed agriculture for about nineteen years. In July, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, Thirty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteers. He served through the most important period of the Civil War, during which his regiment was continually upon the move, and participated in many decisive battles. At the battle of New Market on May 15, 1864, he received a wound from which he was confined to the hospital for seven months. In 1865 he was honorably discharged from the service, and returning to South Hadley he has since been engaged in agriculture.

In September, 1844, Mr. Shumway was united in marriage to his first wife, who was formerly Joanna Bishop. She was born in Belchertown, daughter of Arnold and Sarah (Packard) Bishop, both old residents of Belchertown. Mrs. Shumway bore her husband six children, as follows: Everett Myron, who died in 1861; Charles H., who resides in Northampton; Everett Myron (second), who resides in New York State; Lavinia, now abroad; Clara Anna, who resides at home; and another child who died in infancy. Mr. Shumway's first wife died November 10, 1865. He wedded for his second wife Jemima Weeks, who had no children. Mr. Shumway is a Republican in politics, a comrade of Post No. 86, Grand Army of the Republic, of Northampton, and a member of the Christian Association of old soldiers.

**G**EORGE L. HALL, the efficient superintendent of the Easthampton poor farm, is a native of Simsbury, Conn., where he was born March 28, 1861. His parents were William R. and Mary (Hiland) Hall, the former of whom was born in Vermont in 1840.

William R. Hall followed the calling of agriculturist with good success. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, he entered the army as a volunteer, and during his service received a shell wound in his ankle. Prior to receiving his honorable discharge he was promoted to the rank of Corporal. He died at Simsbury in 1891. His wife, who was born in Ireland, bore him seven children, of whom a daughter died in infancy and a son when four years of age. The living are as follows: William H. Hall, a successful merchant in Simsbury; George L.; Frederick C., living on the old homestead; Nellie E., residing with her brothers on the farm; and Joseph L., who assists his brother in the management of the homestead place. Their mother, who lives with them, receives a widow's pension.

George L. Hall, who was reared to farm life, received a good common-school education. At fifteen years of age he began to work for himself. He had been engaged in different places before he came to Easthampton in 1890 to take charge of the poor farm. It is a salaried position, and Mr. Hall in his management has proved himself the right man for the place. The house is large and commodious, and the farm, which is small, is in an excellent state of cultivation. There are at present between fifteen and twenty inmates in the institution.

He was married on February 9, 1889, to Miss Margaret Buckner, of Easthampton, a daughter of Clement Buckner and his wife, whose maiden name was Christina Hannah. Her father was born in Germany, and her mother was a native of Scotland. The former died in 1880, leaving his widow with three children, namely: George L. Buckner, a Deputy Sheriff, residing in Easthampton; Clement Buckner, also living in Easthampton; and Mrs. Hall. In his political relations Mr. Hall is a Republican. He and his wife are

highly esteemed members of the Congregational church.

JOHN A. BARTLETT, a substantial citizen and a practical agriculturist of Enfield, has spent his whole life within the borders of that town, his birth occurring there on June 26, 1843. He is a son of Alexander, Jr., and Susan (Robinson) Bartlett, respectively natives of Enfield and Hardwick, Mass.

Alexander Bartlett, grandfather of John A., was one of the pioneer settlers of Pelham; this county, where he purchased a farm and lived for a number of years. Later on he resided in Belchertown for a time; but the last years of his life were spent in Enfield, where he died at the age of seventy-six years. He was drafted for service in the War of 1812, and went to Boston; but although he was sent to Boston he was not called upon for active service. He married Miss Deborah Brown, who reared him a family of seven children. Two of these are still living, namely: Mrs. Sarah Rogers, of Greenwich, Hampshire County; and Sylvanus Bartlett, of Concord, N.H.

Alexander Bartlett, Jr., was reared to farm life; and on starting for himself he chose farming for his occupation. He finally purchased the excellent farm of one hundred and fifty acres that his son now owns, and on which the last twenty years of his own life were successfully spent. He lived sixty-seven years; and his wife, whose maiden name was Susan Robinson, died in the sixty-fifth year of her age. But one child, John A. Bartlett, was born of their union. Both parents were liberal in their religious views.

John A. Bartlett received his education in the common schools of Enfield and Pelham. He remained with his parents, caring for them during the last years of their life. At their

death he became the owner of the old home-stead, on which he continues to reside. He is profitably engaged in mixed farming, and his dwelling and barns indicate comfort and prosperity. On May 20, 1867, he was joined in marriage with Miss Lydia A. Aldridge, who was born in Belchertown in 1842. They have no children. Politically, Mr. Bartlett is a faithful adherent of the Republican party. Both he and his wife are liberal in their religious views.

JOHN WRIGHT, one of the leading agriculturists of Worthington, was born in Clyde, N.Y., in 1830. He bears the name of his adopted parents. His former name was Didy. His father, Richard Didy, who was a native of New York State, spent the major part of his life in the town of Rose, N.Y., where he was well known and successfully followed the occupation of farming. He died there in 1836, his wife having passed away in 1830. They were the parents of seven children; namely, Garrett (deceased), Cornelius, William, Eliza, Rebecca, Elizabeth, and John.

John Didy, his mother having died during his infancy, by his father's death was left without parental care when five years of age. About that time he was taken into the family of Rufus M. Wright, who afterward legally adopted him, and had his name changed to that of John Wright. Rufus M. Wright was born in Massachusetts in 1803. In his younger days he engaged in school-teaching, being one of the first teachers in Hampshire County. He afterward turned his attention to agriculture, and profitably followed the latter occupation up to his death. His wife, who was Miss Salina Parrish before marriage, was born in 1808. She died on January 22, 1870, and he twenty years later, on October 24, 1890. One daugh-

ter was born to them, Helen Mira, who died in infancy; and John Wright was in consequence like an only child to them. He lived with them until their death, at which time he inherited the place on which he has since resided. He is prosperously engaged in general farming and dairying, and makes a specialty of butter-making. On September 9, 1862, he enlisted from Worthington in Company K of the Forty-sixth Massachusetts Regiment for service in the Civil War. He was first sent to the camp at Springfield, where he had been but eight days when he was taken sick and was obliged to return home. After a fortnight, however, he was able to return to his regiment, which was still at Springfield. He subsequently accompanied it when it embarked for Newbern, N.C., where during the succeeding three months he served on picket duty at different quarters. The first engagement in which he took part was that of Red House Landing. After that the regiment returned to Newbern for a short time, and then went by march to Plymouth, where it was stationed for three weeks as a guard to the town. At the expiration of that time it was sent back to Newbern, but soon after it was despatched to Fortress Monroe, and thence, at short intervals, successively to Baltimore, Harper's Ferry, and Arlington Heights. From the latter place the regiment was sent to Baltimore again, and not long after received orders to return home. While in the service Mr. Wright received injuries from which he has never recovered sufficiently to engage in laborious work. He was honorably discharged at Springfield, and at once returned to his home, where he has since remained occupied in the successful management of his farm.

He was married on August 18, 1855, in Rose, N.Y., to Miss Phoebe Soper, who was born in Long Island on September 12, 1834.

At four years of age she removed with her parents to Rose, where she was educated and grew to womanhood. She has borne her husband three children, namely: Alfred, born September 7, 1857, married to Miss Julia Damon, a successful farmer and now in Chesterfield, Mass.; Louisa, born May 6, 1858, who is the wife of William Viets, a prosperous farmer of West Springfield, and has four children — Burditt, Nettie, Robert, and Clifton; and Hattie, born May 11, 1862, who married Foster Beach, by whom she has two children — Clayton, born November 5, 1887, and Mabel, born May 30, 1889. Mr. Beach died May 24, 1891. On May 15, 1895, Mrs. Beach became the wife of Herbert Higgins, who was born in Cummington, Mass., June 14, 1867. In politics Mr. Wright is a Republican. He has always taken an active interest in the various enterprises of the town and county, and is well and favorably known by all with whom he comes in touch, being a man of upright business integrity.

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GEORGE DEXTER UTLEY, a highly respected citizen of Ware, Mass., formerly a successful lumber and coal dealer, but now retired from active business life, was born in Hardwick, Worcester County, on March 27, 1824, son of Oren and Hannah (Dexter) Utley. His father was a native of Wilbraham, Hampden County, born on November 30, 1787.

His grandfather, James Utley, had three brothers; and all were men of large stature, averaging six feet or over in height and weighing about two hundred pounds each. They were natives of Connecticut; and Grandfather Utley came thence to Wilbraham, Mass., where he met and married Miss Mary Sessions. He settled in Hardwick, where he

purchased a farm on which there was only a small clearing that was reached by bridle paths through the forest. He there became an extensive and successful agriculturist. He died March 15, 1812, at about fifty years of age, and his wife in 1843, in the eighty-second year of her age, they having reared a family of three sons and two daughters. Oren Utley also chose the vocation of a farmer, in which he met with good success. He was first married about 1810, to Miss Hannah Dexter, of Royalston, Mass., who bore him seven children, all of whom, with the exception of James D., who died February 2, 1818, at two years of age, lived to years of discretion. The record is as follows: Maria, Mrs. Sibley, died in Ware in 1854, at thirty-nine years of age, leaving two children; Louisa, who married John Lewis, of Athol, Mass., died in 1879, at sixty-three years of age, leaving two daughters; John Utley, whose death occurred in his seventy-first year, on February 4, 1890, was for fifty years a large produce dealer in Boston; Rebecca is the widow of Zelotus Spooner, of Greenwich; George D. is further mentioned below; and Mary M. died December 6, 1851, at twenty-five years of age. After their mother's death their father married Miss Susan Adams, of Brookfield, Mass., by whom he had two sons and a daughter, namely: Hannah, whose death occurred in her eighteenth year; Henry, who died at twenty-one years of age; and James, born in 1836, who is a successful farmer in New Braintree, Mass. The sons have recently placed a beautiful monument in the Hardwick cemetery in memory of the deceased.

George Dexter Utley grew to manhood on his father's farm, acquiring a good practical education in the district school, and assisting his father in the farm work until he was twenty-one years of age. He then started out

for himself, having as capital his clothes and twenty-five cents in money; but he possessed a good business ability, and during his home life had acquired habits of industry. His first position was that of manager and salesman in a country store in Greenwich village, where he remained eight months, receiving twelve dollars and a half per month, which was at that time considered good wages. He next went to work in the fork and rake shop of Butterfield & Sibley, the latter a brother-in-law, and was soon after made a partner and general manager of the business, having charge of the marketing of their products; and four years later he became the owner. He subsequently engaged in the grist-mill business for two years, and in 1857 moved to Southbridge, Mass., where he conducted an extensive teaming business, employing forty horses; and he also kept a hotel and a livery stable. Seven years later he removed to Athol, where he was engaged in hotel-keeping for a year. He then came to Ware, and again took up teaming, owning as many as fifty horses. He has also been a successful dealer in lumber and coal, and when he retired from an active mercantile life he was succeeded in this business by his son George E.

On October 27, 1852, Mr. Utley was united in marriage with Jane M. Emerson, a native of Winchester, and daughter of Daniel Ingalls and Mary S. (Oldham) Emerson. They have an interesting family of four children, three sons and a daughter, namely: Gertrude Jane, who married A. B. Goodier, of Southbridge, Mass., and has a son and daughter; George E. Utley, residing in Ware, who married Miss Sarah Eudora Sheldon, and has one son living, Horace Ingalls Utley, and has buried a daughter named Gertrude J.; Henry A. Utley, who is successfully engaged in the steam laundry business in Amherst, Mass., is married, and has two sons — Lewis S. and Henry Lester,

a daughter Louise having died in childhood; Charles Dexter Utley, also living in Amherst, who married Miss Alice L. Smith, and has one daughter, Grace.

Mr. Utley has been a lifelong Republican, but has declined to serve in any official capacity. He and his estimable wife reside at their attractive home at 58 Church Street, where they have lived since April 15, 1865, enjoying the esteem and good will of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

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**J**OHN BAKER, who owns and occupies a well-improved farm in the town of South Hadley, is a native of Germany, having been born in Bavaria, June 16, 1841, son of Thomas and Margaret (Gebhardt) Baker, both lifelong residents of the same place. Thomas Baker followed farming in his native land, and died in 1845, when the subject of this sketch was but four years old. The wife died six years after. They reared eight children; namely, Conrad, Margaret, George, Annie Margarita, Cooney, John, Johnnie, and Hermann.

John Baker, left without the guardianship of parents at an early age, was taken in charge by his sister. He received a good education in the German schools, which are noted for their excellence. In 1859 Mr. Baker, who had a sister living at South Hadley Falls, emigrated to America, embarking on the ship "Toocscos." After a voyage lasting eight weeks he arrived at New York. At once joining his sister he secured work in the Glasgow Mills, where he was employed as a weaver for eight years. While here he met a pretty German girl, Miss Catherine Cohler, who had migrated from Bavaria, the place of her birth, the previous year. The acquaintance ripened into an affection, which resulted in marriage, August 16,

1860. She, too, was an orphan, both of her parents having died in Germany. After his marriage Mr. Baker worked in a paper-mill until 1868, when he bought twenty-one acres of land, which are included in his present farm. It was mostly timber land, and he cleared it and otherwise improved it. Having saved some money, he subsequently bought more land; and he now has seventy acres, mostly under cultivation. He has met with signal success in general farming, and has a profitable dairy business. As a man and a citizen Mr. Baker is held in high respect, his manliness and honest integrity winning the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have three children, namely: Henry, who resides near his parents, married to Rosanna Pickett; Emma, living at home; and Johnnie, who married Nellie Thristan, also living near the parental homestead. In politics Mr. Baker votes with the Republican party. In religious matters he and his wife are members of the German Congregational Church. Mr. Baker has considerable musical talent, and belongs to the Singing Club of South Hadley Falls.

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**G**EORGE NUTTING, a prominent and well-to-do farmer of Granby, was born March 16, 1832, in the town of Hatfield, son of Bryant and Matilda (Belding) Nutting.

The father, a native of Leverett, Mass., was a stone mason by trade, which calling he followed in this State for many years. He finally went West to Monmouth, Ill., where he resided until his decease, August 23, 1840. His wife was a native of Whately, born August 26, 1800. After the death of her husband she returned to her native State and settled in Granby, where her death occurred

August 23, 1877. She bore her husband six children; namely, Lucius, Lucy, Julia, Harriet, George, and Margaret. The first named was born May 27, 1822, married Elizabeth Allison, and they reside in Bozeman, Mont. Lucy, born October 21, 1825, is the widow of the late James Ferguson, and now makes her home with her son in Salt Lake City, Utah. Julia, born November 23, 1828, has been twice married, her first husband having been George Dame, and her second Rufus Graves, and is now living in California. Harriet, born August 17, 1830, living in Holyoke, has also been twice married, her first husband having been Louis Shelley, and her second Charles Wells. Margaret, born October 14, 1835, in Chicopee, married E. A. Cook, of Springfield, but is now deceased.

George Nutting received a good common-school education. His brother Lucius, who was educated at Galesburg, Ill., was the only member of the family to attend a higher institution of learning. When he was sixteen years old he came with his mother to Granby, where she bought the present home farm. A few years later Mr. Nutting bought out his mother's interest in the property, and he has since managed it on his own account. He carries on general farming, raising corn and hay as his staple products, in addition to a profitable business in dairying. Another industry of his that brings him in good returns is the butchering and peddling of meat, in which he has the assistance of his son. In politics Mr. Nutting has always gone with the Republican party. He declines political honors, though often urged to do so by his fellow-citizens. The only official capacity in which he has served was that of Surveyor, which he held for twenty years.

Mr. Nutting was married December 27, 1852, to Miss Mary M. Lyman, a native of

Granby, born February 11, 1832, daughter of Henry and Prudence (Willey) Lyman, respectively natives of Northfield, Mass., and Somers, Conn. Mr. Lyman was a manufacturer in his early days, but subsequently engaged in business as a miller. He died August 30, 1867. His wife, who died February 21, 1859, bore him five children; namely, Mary M. (Mrs. Nutting), Eliza M., Charles T., Dwight C., and Nancy Jane. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Nutting two children have been born, Dwight Curtis and William Lucius. Dwight C., born March 17, 1861, resides near his parents. He married Mary Jane Bardwell, and they have two children, George H. and Lucius. William L., born October 12, 1867, died November 30, 1894, leaving his widow, formerly Carrie Belle Adams, with four children. Mr. and Mrs. Nutting have also one adopted son, Oliver G., born October 15, 1856. He married Ella Upham, and is now residing in Springfield. Following in the footsteps of his father, Dwight C. is engaged in agricultural pursuits, having a fine farm, on which he carries on mixed husbandry, making somewhat a specialty of dairying. Both Mr. George Nutting and his wife are people of high moral worth and consistent members of the Congregational church, toward the support of which they contribute generously.

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JONATHAN ROCKWELL WRIGHT, a retired farmer of South Hadley, was born September 15, 1813, in Easthampton, son of Ichabod and Mary (Clapp) Wright. Ichabod Wright, one of the foremost farmers of Easthampton, continued in his independent occupation until his accidental death by drowning, August 1, 1844. His wife afterward made her home with her children, and

died May 1, 1871. She bore her husband seven children, namely: Horace, who died in infancy; Horace, second, for many years a resident of Missouri, who died at Webster Groves in St. Louis County; I. Strong, who died at Crown Point, N. Y.; Edmund, for several years a home missionary in Missouri, who now lives at Seattle, Wash.; Jonathan Rockwell, the subject of this sketch; Russell M., now travelling in Europe; and an unnamed child that died in infancy.

Jonathan Rockwell Wright was reared on the home farm, and assisted in redeeming a large part of it from the wilderness. After the death of his father the homestead property was given to him; and he continued its improvement for many years, carrying on mixed husbandry with signal success. In March, 1861, Mr. Wright bought his present farming property, containing one hundred acres of fertile land. He labored on it with persevering energy until he had it in a tillable condition with substantial buildings, and the necessary equipments for successful farming. He carries on general farming and stock-raising, and is also interested in dairy work, selling a considerable quantity of milk. As a farmer, neighbor, and citizen, Mr. Wright has the esteem of the community and the confidence and good will of his friends and associates. Politically, he is an earnest Republican, but he has never held office.

On November 19, 1845, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Roxanna (White) Gaylord, who was born in Hampshire County, April 8, 1817. She died in August, 1895, on the home farm. She was a most estimable woman, a devoted wife, a tender mother, and a wise counsellor to her husband and children, who hold her in loving remembrance. She was a conscientious member of the Congregational church, to which Mr. Wright also

belongs. They had four children, as follows: the first-born, whose birth occurred February 2, 1849, died in infancy; Mary J., born February 6, 1850, was married June 10, 1875, to R. M. Smith, who now lives in Granby; William Strong, born March 6, 1854, died February 2, 1863; and Alvin Lorenzo, born October 28, 1857, married Carrie E. Trimble, and now manages the home farm.

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LIVER WALKER, general insurance agent at Northampton, a man of marked financial ability, is a native of Hampshire County. He was born September 13, 1841, in Belchertown, where his father, Horace Walker, was a lifelong resident. The emigrant ancestor of his family is said to have been John Walker, who came from England at an early date, and settled in Eastern Massachusetts.

Mr. Walker's paternal grandfather, Silas Walker, one of the large landholders of Belchertown, born there in 1764, is mentioned in the History of the Connecticut Valley as a son of Captain James Walker, who settled in Belchertown in 1755, and grandson of Nathaniel Walker, of Weston, Mass. Silas Walker was a man of great strength and endurance, and attained a vigorous old age, retaining his faculties in a remarkable manner, being able in his last years to read the Bible through without the aid of glasses. He spent his life in Belchertown, dying in 1857, in his ninety-fourth year. His wife, whose maiden name was Demmis Sexton, bore him twelve children, all of whom became useful members of society, the sons being mostly engaged in farming.

Horace Walker was born in 1793, and died in 1870. He owned a farm adjoining the parental homestead, was a prosperous farmer

and a respected citizen of his town. He enlisted as a soldier in the War of 1812, and was sent to Boston to aid in the defence of that city. While encamped there, he used to catch flounders in the harbor as food for his mess. Like his parents, Horace Walker was an Orthodox Congregationalist in religion and a consistent Christian. He married Abigail Filer, whose father owned a farm near by, and of their five children the following four grew to adult life: Henry J., born in 1821, is a well-known druggist of Northampton; Sarah W., born in 1828, is the widow of Samuel D. Cowles, of Amherst; Emery P., born in 1832, is a commercial traveller, residing at Hartford, Conn.; and Oliver. The mother was much respected for her many virtues. She lived to the age of seventy-eight years.

Oliver Walker remained on the farm, assisting his father in its manual labor until eighteen years old, meanwhile acquiring a good practical education in the district school and at the Monson Academy, where he spent one winter. In 1861, shortly after the fall of Fort Sumter he was one of the brave boys in blue who responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a private in Company H, Forty-sixth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. Returning home after the expiration of his term of service, Mr. Walker re-enlisted August 23, 1862, as a nine months' man, and served until July 29, 1863, when he was honorably discharged. Mr. Walker then spent three years in the stove, tin, and plumbing business, and in 1866, having studied book-keeping one term at Eastman's Business College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., became a partner with Eames & Sprague of this city in the same business, three years later selling his interest to his partners. At this time Mr. Walker had a serious illness, which for a

while incapacitated him from active labor. Since 1870 he has conducted a fire and accident insurance agency. He is also an extensive dealer in real estate and an authorized agent for the sale of tickets to foreign points.

On February 20, 1868, Mr. Walker married Fanny J. Griswold, of Springfield, a daughter of Joseph and Electa (Warner) Griswold. Their pleasant home has been brightened by the birth of two children, a daughter and a son: Carrie L. is a brilliant student in the musical department of Smith College, which she entered after being graduated from the Northampton High School; Charles W. was graduated from Williston Seminary in the summer of the present year, 1895, and is now pursuing his college course at Amherst.

In politics Mr. Walker is a stanch member of the Republican party; and he is connected socially, financially, and religiously with the best interests of the city, where he has acceptably filled many places of trust and responsibility. In 1878 he was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Hampshire County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, in place of Harvey Kirkland, resigned, and ten years later was elected Trustee of the Northampton Institution for Savings, in place of George W. Hubbard, deceased. He has also been chairman of the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Walker served as Deacon of the First Congregational Church one year, has been one of the assessors of that parish for ten years, one of the Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association for several years, and in every position has performed his duties with great fidelity. He is a Master Mason, having joined the Jerusalem Lodge in 1866. Mr. Walker has a pleasant home at 29 Pleasant Street, the commodious house in which he lives, and which was formerly owned by Har-

ey Kirkland, having been built a century go, as shown by the date on the foundation stone.

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**D**R. FRANK M. GOULD, the leading and pioneer physician of Greenwich, was born in Norridgewock, Somerset County, Me., May 9, 1835, son of Joshua and Sarah (Martin) Gould. Moriah Gould, his grandfather, was one of the early settlers of Somerset County. He obtained sustenance for himself and family from the then unexhausted resources of nature, dividing his time among farming, hunting, and trapping. He was an industrious man and fairly well-to-do. He lived to the advanced age of ninety years. His wife also outlived the allotted span of human life.

Joshua Gould was the only son of his parents. He was born in Norridgewock, and grew to manhood in Somerset County, attaining a better education than the limited resources of the time would seem to warrant. When a boy of nine years, he suffered from a fever, which caused a sore on one of his limbs that contracted the cords, and maimed him for life, making that limb considerably shorter than the other. It may be that his infirmity caused Mr. Gould to devote more time to his books than an active boy would be likely to. However, he was a well-informed man, prominent in public life and a leader in the councils of the Democrats of his district. He was Clerk of the District Court for over forty years, and served for many years as Justice of the Peace. He died at the age of eighty-seven. His wife, who was a native of Pittsfield, Me., had attained her sixty-sixth year when her death occurred. They had a family of thirteen children, twelve of whom reached maturity. Of these Moses M., Charles C., Franklin, and Fanny are deceased. The

others are: Henry A., William D., Aaron M., Frank M., Sarah, Ann, Caroline, and Felicia.

Frank M. Gould, M.D., received his early education in the schools of Norridgewock. One of his schoolmates was the now famous preacher, Minot J. Savage. When fifteen years of age, he went to Worcester, Mass., to learn the machinist's trade. There he met with financial disaster by the failure of a firm for which he had worked two years and nine months, leaving his wages unpaid. He was subsequently employed for some years in the locomotive works in Portland, Me., and later worked on stationary engines in Bangor. He next engaged with the Putney Tool Company at Fitchburg, Mass., going from there to Barre, in the same State, and thence to the Springfield Armory, where during the war he was foreman of a department. At that time there was an enormous amount of work done at the armory, the company turning out eleven hundred guns daily for three years. Dr. Gould worked last as a machinist for the Parker Machine Company of Clinton, Mass., manufacturers of the Axminster carpet looms. During the years that he worked at his trade he won a reputation for expert workmanship. While at Worcester, he distinguished himself by accomplishing the difficult task of making a screw some twenty-five or thirty feet in length. Two lathes were necessary for the work, and its perfect accomplishment required a good mechanical eye and the exercise of fine judgment. Though so successful as a machinist, Dr. Gould had always had a desire to enter the medical profession, and for some time had occupied his leisure in reading and studying medicine. In 1877 he entered the Eclectic Medical College of New York City, and graduated in 1880, with high honors, as valedictorian of his class. In May of the same year he opened an office in Greenwich,

and for fifteen years has been in active practice, with his visiting list yearly increasing. The doctor has computed the average distance which he travels annually in visiting his patients to be fourteen thousand miles.

Dr. Gould was married in 1863 to Eliza A. Stone, a native of Dana, Mass., daughter of James H. and Azuba Stone, and sister of J. Madison Stone, the noted portrait painter. Two children were born of this union: James F., who is in the express business in Plymouth, N.H.; and Fanny M., who graduated from Belvidere Seminary, N.J., and is now a teacher in Greenwich.

Politically, Dr. Gould favors the Democratic party. Though very busy in answering the demands of his profession, he has found time to fill various offices. He has served as Overseer of the Poor and Constable, and is now Justice of the Peace. He is a member of Mount Zion Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Barre. Dr. and Mrs. Gould hold liberal views regarding religious differences. They have a pretty home in the village of Greenwich Plains, from which they are rarely absent, as the Doctor has not had a week's vacation in fifteen years.

**H**ENRY L. UFFORD, a successful farmer and lumberman of North Amherst, was born in that town, December 17, 1855, son of Lucian M. and Esther (Kellogg) Ufford. Mr. Ufford's grandfather was a physician. He had a large practice in Hampden and East Springfield, and he died in the last-named place at an advanced age. He married Lydia Morris; and she became the mother of six children, of whom two died in infancy, and Edward Ufford is now the sole survivor. The mother died at a ripe old age.

Lucian Ufford, Mr. Ufford's father, was born in Hampden in 1818. He was engaged

in different occupations in Hampden, Franklin, and Hampshire Counties; and for a number of years he was an operative in the cotton-mills at Ludlow. His last years were spent in North Amherst, where he died in 1881. His wife, who was born in North Amherst in 1820, became the mother of six children, as follows: Mary, Anna, and Andrew, who are now dead; Morris A., a ranchman in New Mexico; Lucy, wife of J. B. Roberts, of Springfield, Mass.; and Henry L., the subject of this sketch. The mother died in February, 1893. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Henry L. Ufford was educated in the public schools of his native town. When a young man, he adopted agriculture as an occupation; and he has since followed it in connection with lumbering. He bought a farm of eighty acres, situated in North Amherst; and, after adding to it by the purchase of more land, he sold the whole at a profit, and then invested in wood lots. He has been successful in his ventures. He now resides at a pleasant home, situated on a farm which consists of fifty acres of well-improved land. This property, which was formerly occupied by his father, has been in the possession of Mr. Ufford since 1860. He is still actively engaged in lumbering, keeping a large force of men employed. He owns in all about one hundred and fifty acres of land. He is a Democrat in politics, and is at the present time a member of the Board of Selectmen. On June 14, 1882, Mr. Ufford was united in marriage to Martha F. Jones, born in Pelham, October 1, 1862, daughter of John and Mary (Oakes) Jones. John Jones was born in Temple, Me., October, 1818; and his wife was born there, October 25, 1821. They now reside with Mrs. Ufford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ufford have three children, as follows: Leonard M., born March 22, 1887;

Lucian M., born March 27, 1889; and Elsie E., born August 10, 1890. Mr. Ufford is liberal in his religious views, and Mrs. Ufford is a member of the Congregational church.

**T**HE JUDD FAMILY has been prominently identified with the leading interests of Hampshire County since its earliest history. The emigrating ancestor, Thomas Judd, came from England to Massachusetts in 1633 or 1634, and settled in Cambridge, in that part of the town known then as "West End." He built a house, and remained there two years; but in 1636 he moved to Hartford, Conn., whence he went to the town of Farmington, being one of the original proprietors of that place. He was an extensive land-owner and an influential citizen, being sent to the General Court in 1674. In 1678 his first wife died; and on December 2, 1679, he married the widow Clemence Mason, of Northampton, to which place he came in 1682. He was very active in church work, and was made Deacon of the church in 1668. Deacon Judd died a few years after coming to Northampton, his death occurring November 12, 1688. His widow survived him, dying November 22, 1696. He reared a family of nine children, the next in line of descent being his eldest son, William Judd.

William Judd, who was married March 30, 1658, died at Farmington, Conn., in 1690. He was known by his military title of Sergeant. His wife bore him seven children. She survived him, her death occurring October 27, 1718. His son Thomas, through whom the line continues, was a blacksmith and a farmer, and one of the leading men of his time, serving as Town Clerk, Deacon of the church, Captain of the militia, Justice of the Peace,

and as a Deputy to the General Court. On February 9, 1688, he married Sarah Freeman, by whom he had six children, one son, William, and five daughters.

This second William Judd, who was a Captain in the militia and a Representative to the General Court, was first married January 21, 1713, to Mary Root. After her death, on December 10, 1757, he married Mrs. Hope Lee. He departed this life January 29, 1772, leaving five sons and two daughters, of whom Timothy, the eldest son, is the progenitor of this branch of the family.

Timothy Judd was a man of scholarly attainments, and was graduated from Yale College in 1737. His first wife, Mary Clark, whom he wedded March 29, 1744, died on the 8th of the following November. He then married, October 9, 1749, Mellicent (South) Mayo, a widow, who died March 26, 1763. On August 8, 1764, he married Ann Sedgwick, who lived but a short time; and after her decease he married on June 6, 1780, Mrs. Mary Foote. In October, 1782, she passed to the life eternal, and later the Widow Clanson became his fifth wife. Timothy Judd was a man of influence, and served as Justice of the Peace from 1765 until 1783, besides holding various other offices of trust. He died January 23, 1796, leaving six children.

Allyn Judd, son of the above-named Timothy, was born in 1757, and died in Windsor, N.Y., in 1803. In 1776 he married Joanna Seymour, who died October 5, 1833, having borne him eleven children. Jonathan Judd, Jr., son of the Rev. Jonathan Judd, graduated at Yale College in 1765. He began trade in Southampton in 1769, being the town's first merchant. He continued in business here for half a century. He was a Justice of the Peace, once a Representative to the General Court, and was also busy in other public em-

ployments. He died January 30, 1819, aged seventy-five years.

Frederick Judd, son of the Rev. Jonathan Judd; was born January 9, 1760, and married Nancy Wait, daughter of Simeon Wait, of Southampton, December 15, 1785. He was a Representative to the General Court and a Justice of the Peace. He died May 23, 1840, aged eighty years four months. He had seven children.

Asa Judd, a son of Frederick Judd, succeeded his uncle as a trader in Southampton, and died here October 20, 1848, aged sixty years. On May 13, 1816, he married Lavinia Gridley, who was born October 12, 1792, the record of their children being as follows: Jonathan, born September 23, 1817; Anna Maria, born February 2, 1819, married Orrin R. More, of Southampton, August 11, 1846, their only child being one son, born April 26, 1853; Cornelia, born June 9, 1820, died February 6, 1841; Zeresh, born November 18, 1822, died May 15, 1823; Zeresh Jane, born March 12, 1824, was for many years a school-teacher in this vicinity; Ard Gridley, born November 22, 1825; and William D., born March 1, 1828.

Jonathan N. Judd succeeded his father, Asa, in the store and post-office, remaining here until his death, July 11, 1861, aged forty-three years. He was a Justice of the Peace, Town Clerk and Treasurer, Selectman, and a member of the Congregational church. He was honored and esteemed by his townspeople as a man far above the average, one whose business capacity was superior, and whose counsel was recognized by all as valuable.

Ard Gridley Judd succeeded his brother Jonathan N. in business here, and was appointed Postmaster in 1861, having been connected with the office ever since. He was

Town Treasurer during the trying days of the Civil War, is a member of the Congregational church and parish, and a faithful supporter of both organizations, and a stanch Republican in politics. He has been uncommonly successful in business, gaining a substantial competence, while retaining the respect and good will of his townsmen. He and his sister, Jane Z. Judd, still occupy the old homestead in Southampton where they were born. Jane Z. Judd received an education in the common schools and Sheldon Academy, afterward following the vocation of a school-teacher, in which she was unusually proficient and successful. She is a member of the Congregational church, prominent and active in its service.

William D. Judd grew to manhood in Southampton, and began his active work as book-keeper at Leeds, in this county, remaining a few years, when he accepted a similar position with C. P. Talbot, of Lowell, Mass., where he lived five years. Returning then to Western Massachusetts, he was engaged in the boot and shoe business in Greenfield for two years, coming back to the place of his nativity in 1857, dying here March 4, 1858, of consumption, resulting from pneumonia. While a resident of Lowell, in 1851, he was united in marriage with Malvina A. Carleton, a native of that city, where her birth occurred, October 13, 1828. Their only child, Frederick Eugene, was born in Lowell, Mass., March 30, 1852.

Frederick E. Judd was reared and educated in the city of Lowell, Mass., being graduated from the high school. After completing his education, he entered the employment of a Boston firm as book-keeper, continuing in that business several years. Mr. Judd then removed to Northampton, where he spent a year, coming thence to Southampton in 1872.

Since his residence here he has won the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens, being deservedly popular throughout the community. His business tact and sound judgment are widely recognized, and he has served in various offices of responsibility. In 1877 he was chosen Town Clerk, a position which he has since held, and for the past five years as been Town Treasurer, and is one of the trustees of the Easthampton Savings Bank. He is now copartner in the firm of A. G. Judd & Co. In politics he is a steadfast Republican; and, religiously, he and his wife belong to the Congregational church, of which he is organist, as well as parish clerk. He is member of Ionic Lodge of A. F. & A. M. On September 12, 1889, Mr. Judd was united in marriage with Miss Catherine E. Parsons, who is a native of Southampton. Mrs. Judd was born February 13, 1858, of pioneer ancestry, being the daughter of Isaac and Rachel (Edmands) Parsons. She graduated at Mount Holyoke College, June 24, 1880. Two bright and active children enliven the home of Mr. and Mrs. Judd, namely: Helen Kathina, born October 22, 1891; and William Frederick, born May 20, 1893.

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**E**UGENE PRENTISS BARTLET, of Pelham, a Director and superintendent of the Montague City Rod Manufactory, was born in Pelham, January 1, 1853, son of Marshall and Abigail (Warren) Bartlet. Mr. Bartlet's ancestors were early settlers in Enfield, Mass., where they were engaged in agriculture. Marshall Bartlet, Mr. Bartlet's father, was born in Enfield, and was a son of Ideon Bartlet. He settled in Pelham in 1845, and followed his trade of shoemaking during the active period of his life. He was an industrious worker and an estimable man.

In politics he was a Republican, while he held liberal religious views. Marshall Bartlet died in Amherst at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, who was a descendant of General Warren of Revolutionary fame, was born at Fort Warren in Boston Harbor. She became the mother of ten children, as follows: Erastus; Livingston, a resident of Amherst; Calista, wife of Henry Wheeler, of Hartford, Conn.; Joseph F., a resident of Turner's Falls, Mass.; Myron M., who resides in Belchertown; Leander L., of Montague City; Henrietta, wife of Edwin Wade, of Ludlow; Carrie, wife of Charles Aldridge, of Keene, N.H.; Eugene P., the subject of this sketch; and Lora, wife of Charles Engel, of Springfield, Mass. The mother died at the age of sixty-eight years.

Eugene Prentiss Bartlet commenced at an early age to contribute toward his own support. When thirteen years old, he became farm boy for Marcus Daniels in Wilbraham, receiving twenty-five dollars for his season's work. He then found employment in the Hills Company's factory in Amherst. The Hills were then the exclusive manufacturers of Shaker hoods, and Mr. Bartlet was with them at different times during the space of three years. He next went to Turner's Falls, where he was engaged with his brothers in learning the painter's trade. He continued at that occupation for three years. In 1872 he entered the employment of Gray & Sons, fishing rod manufacturers, receiving at first seventy-five cents per day. His wages were increased as he advanced in proficiency; and in less than a year after entering the factory he was receiving two dollars per day. Though he commenced in a humble capacity, he made such rapid progress through the various departments that on January 1, 1874, he was made superintendent of the factory. He later

became a stockholder in the concern, and finally obtained possession of the whole business. He subsequently enlarged the factory, and placed it in the hands of a stock company, known as the Montague City Rod Manufactory. Although Mr. Bartlet is a large stockholder and a Director, he continues to act as superintendent; and each department is conducted under his personal supervision. The company has factories located in Pelham, Montague City, Mass., and in Postville, Vt., and manufactures all kinds of fishing rods except steel ones. The Pelham factory employs forty-five workmen the year round. Its products are shipped to various parts of New England and to New York City. During the season of 1893 and 1894 this factory alone completed seventy-five thousand rods, of two hundred and fifty different styles. This concern is one of the largest of its kind in the United States, and its present flourishing condition is due principally to the skill and business ability of Mr. Bartlet.

Mr. Bartlet is a Republican in politics, and has served as a Selectman and Assessor for two terms. He is a member of Pacific Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and of the Northampton Commandery.

On July 8, 1874, Mr. Bartlet was united in marriage to Jennie Ward, daughter of Joseph and Amanda A. Ward. Joseph Ward was a prosperous farmer and a lifelong resident of Pelham. He owned and operated a stone quarry, and was a well-known citizen. He died in Pelham, at over seventy years of age. His wife, who survives him, now resides with Mr. Bartlet. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlet have two children, namely: Lotta A., wife of R. M. Aldridge, who is employed in the factory; and Jessie E., who resides at home. Mr. Bartlet contributes liberally to the support of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Bartlet is a member.

**A**NDREW N. THORINGTON, turnkey of the Hampshire County Jail at Northampton for the past twelve years, was born in Sturbridge, Worcester County, Mass., June 6, 1844, the only child of Andrew B. and Mary (Haskell) Thorington. He comes of heroic Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather, William Thorington, having been a soldier of the Revolutionary army. His name was written on the muster roll as William Thornton, and his widow was obliged to use that name in applying for a pension. After the close of the great struggle he settled in Rensselaer County, New York, where his son Abraham, grandfather of the present Mr. Thorington, was born.

Abraham Thorington was reared to farming. After his marriage with Miss Breninhol, whose father came over from Germany as a stowaway on one of the large sailing-vessels, he purchased a farm in Pittstown, Rensselaer County, where he engaged in general farming during the remainder of his life. His wife died in 1849, aged threescore years. His death occurred some ten years later, at the age of seventy years. They reared two sons and two daughters, of whom the only one now living is Mrs. Elizabeth Dean, a widow residing in Iowa. Andrew B. Thorington was born at Troy, N.Y., in September, 1822. In 1840, before reaching his majority, he was united in marriage with Mary Haskell, a native of Whitingham, Vt., where their union was celebrated. He was a farmer by occupation, and lived in Massachusetts many years of his life, finally locating in Charlemont, where he departed this life in March, 1895. His wife died in 1882, aged sixty-one years.

Andrew N. Thorington, the subject of this short biography, received a good education. At the age of eighteen years he left home, and became an attendant in the Asylum for

he Insane in Northampton, at first under the instruction of Dr. Prince, but subsequently under the régime of Dr. Pliny Earle. He has been engaged in similar work much of his lifetime, having been with Dr. Shaw in Middletown, Conn., and in Worcester under Dr. Bemis. He was a salesman in Malone, N.Y., for two years, and an employee in a shoe factory at Brookfield, Mass., for a time. In August, 1883, he accepted his present position, in which he has given general satisfaction.

On August 4, 1887, Mr. Thorington was married to Clara E. Cooley, one of the eight children of the late Calvin Cooley. They have one son, Carl Haskell Thorington, now three years old. Politically, Mr. Thorington is a steadfast Republican. He is a Knight Templar and a Past Sachem of the tribe of Red Men. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has been Junior Vice-Commander of the William L. Baker Post, No. 66. He was a soldier in the late Civil War, having enlisted from Shelburne Falls, July 21, 1864, in the Sixtieth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, going out as a one hundred days' man.



**J**ONATHAN E. PORTER, of Hatfield, Mass., manufacturer of the Porter lathe, was born in this town on November 22, 1849, in the house where C. Bardwell now lives. He is a son of Moses C. and Emily (Porter) Porter.

This branch of the Porter family traces its ancestral line to John Porter, who came to his country from England more than two hundred and fifty years ago, and settled in Windsor, Conn., in 1639. His will, dated April 10, 1648, and which is copied in the Colonial Records of Connecticut, vol. i., makes be-

quests to eight children; namely, John, James, Samuel, Nathaniel, Rebecca, Rose, Mary, Anna. Samuel, the third son, who was born in 1639 and died in 1689, was one of the first settlers in Hadley, Mass. He and his wife reared a family of ten children; namely, Samuel, Thomas, Hezekiah, John, Hannah, Mehitabel, Experience, Ichabod, Nathaniel, and Thomas. Ichabod, son of Samuel, was born June 17, 1678. He married, settled in Hatfield, and became the father of seven children: Dorcas, Mehitabel, Ichabod, Hannah, Mary, James, and Sarah.

James Porter, younger son of Ichabod, was born in Hatfield, September 19, 1714. With the exception of his service in the war of the Revolution, his life was spent in agricultural pursuits. He married Miss Eunice Belden, who bore him five children: Hannah, Jonathan, Submit, David, and Silas.

Jonathan, son of James, born in 1752, married Ruth Chapin; and they reared the following children: Reuben, Eunice, Elizabeth, Ruth, Jonathan, Samuel, Chester, and Anna. Jonathan Porter, Jr., whose birth occurred in January, 1789, started in life as a poor boy. He eventually became the owner of the place known as the E. Billings farm, and by industry and good business management he acquired a good amount of property. He was a leader in town affairs, and also took great interest in religious matters, being a member of the Congregational church. He served in the War of 1812, in which he held the rank of Major. He married in 1818 Electa Allis; and their union was blessed by the birth of five children, as follows: Moses Chapin, Henry Smith, Sophia Allis, Jonathan Dwight, and James. He died in 1864, at the age of seventy-five years, and his wife in 1855, at sixty-three years of age.

Moses C. Porter, son of Jonathan and Electa

(Allis) Porter, was born December 30, 1819. Like his predecessors, he turned his attention to agriculture, purchasing the S. Bardwell place, where he engaged in farming with good results, and became a progressive and enterprising citizen of the town. In 1876 he moved to Amherst, and there lived practically retired from active business. His first wife, Emily Porter, died at thirty-seven years of age, leaving three children: Augusta A., who married Myron Graves; Jonathan E.; and Moses, who died at nine years of age. The father married for his second wife Miss Louisa B. Bridgman, who is still living. He was sixty-eight years old at the time of his death.

Jonathan E. Porter received his education in Hatfield and at Powers Institute. At twenty years of age he went West, hoping to find there a more desirable place for his life work; but, his expectations not being realized, he returned home, and entered into partnership with the Prescott Pistol Company, with which he was associated for seven years. He then purchased a water-power and foundry of H. Porter. In 1876 the foundry burned down, and soon after he sold the north side and one-half of the water-power to C. S. Shattuck; and still later he sold the other side. He hired the upper story of Mr. Shattuck's factory, and began the manufacture of the well-known Porter lathe. In the present factory, which was erected in 1884, seventy-five hands are employed; and they turn out about thirty-five machines per month. Mr. Porter does the selling, and travels as far West as Denver, Col., to which point he makes four trips yearly. Mr. Porter also rents and runs a grist-mill, where he does custom grinding, and deals in grain and hay.

Miss Mary D. Smith, who became the wife of Mr. Porter on December 13, 1871, was born February 7, 1850, and is a daughter of

Silas and Eliza (Williams) Smith. Mrs. Porter's grandfather served in the Revolutionary War. Her father was a farmer throughout his life. She was one of a family of seven children; namely, Emma E., George Y., Mary D., Frank H., Alice W., Fred L., and Kittie L. Mr. and Mrs. Porter's union has been blessed by the birth of two children: Mary E., who was born July 3, 1877, and died on October 4 of that year; and Helen L., who was born June 27, 1878.

A faithful portrait of Mr. Porter appears on the page opposite the beginning of the foregoing sketch of one of the old and substantial families of Hampshire County.

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**J**USTUS HOLLAND KINGSLEY, the worthy descendant of an old and honored family of Hampshire County, was born December 30, 1842, in Westhampton, where he is now a conspicuous figure in the farming community. His father, the late Zenas Kingsley, was a native of Westhampton, and for many years carried on an extensive business in the manufacture of woollen goods, and was also identified with the farming interests of this town. In the latter part of his life he removed to Stratford, Coos County, N.H., there becoming interested in the lumber business, continuing thus engaged until his demise in 1881. To him and his wife, formerly Susan Elwell, nine children were born, namely: Susan M., wife of Henry M. Parsons, of Northampton; Edward W., of Westhampton; Joseph H., of whom a short sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Cynthia S., who married Charles Clark, both she and her husband being now deceased; Zenas Mahlon, a soldier in the late Civil War, who died in his country's service; Nelson H., of Riverside, Cal.; Ellen V., widow of the late

Enoch Perkins, of Northampton; Justus Holland; and Fidelia M.

Justus H. Kingsley was reared and educated in this town; but, when his father removed to New Hampshire, he accompanied him thither, remaining with him, assisting him in his labors, and caring for him in his last days. In 1886 Mr. Kingsley and his sister Fidelia returned to the home of their childhood years, and here bought their present farm of two hundred acres, on which they have since resided. Mr. Kingsley takes a genuine interest in tilling the soil, and is continually making substantial improvements on his estate, rendering it one of the best in point of equipments of any in the locality. He pays especial attention to the raising of choice fruits, besides which his principal productions are hay and corn, his harvests being large and profitable. A Republican in his political affiliations, Mr. Kingsley is an earnest supporter of the principles of that party; and, religiously, both he and his sister are valued and esteemed members of the Congregational church. As citizens and neighbors they are held in high regard throughout the community.

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JOHN B. EWING, who is living retired from the active pursuits of life on his snug little farm in Southampton, is a self-made man, having risen by his own efforts from a condition of comparative poverty to one of affluence. He was born in County Donegal, Ireland, September 24, 1828, son of Samuel and Sarah (O'Donnell) Ewing, both also natives of Ireland. The father was a blacksmith by trade, and with his wife and two of his children emigrated to America in 1852. Landing in New York he stayed there but one night before he started for Easthampton, where he lived several years, and where his wife

died in 1857. She bore him four children, as follows: Mary, born in Ireland, December 18, 1824, who there married William Ewing, came with him to this country, located in Easthampton, where they carried on general farming, and reared a family of eleven children; John B., the subject of this review; William A., born January 21, 1831, married to Margaret Thompson, father of seven children, who subsequently emigrated with his family to Massachusetts, and is at present living on a farm in Indiana; and Samuel, the youngest child, born in 1834, who is now living in Chicago, Ill. The wife of the latter, formerly Mary J. Crawford, died leaving him with six children.

John B. Ewing spent the first years after his arrival in this country in Easthampton. He came to Southampton in 1857 to enter the employment of Mr. O. N. Clark, carriage manufacturer, working for him five years. Mr. Ewing, having by that time become a skilled workman, bought the shop, and thenceforward carried on a successful business in the manufacture of wagons, sleighs, and buggies until June 1, 1895. At that time he leased the shop and practically retired from business, although he pays some attention to his farming interests. The many years he has spent in exhausting toil, as well as the easy circumstances he now enjoys, ample justify him in spending the remainder of his life in repose. In politics Mr. Ewing is a zealous advocate of Republican principles. He has served his fellow-townsman as Constable and on the Grand Jury in Boston.

On January 20, 1852, Mr. Ewing was united in marriage with Miss Flora Butler, a native of Ireland, born in 1834. Her father, who was a farmer in Ireland, married Margaret Cary, and emigrated to the United States, settling in Easthampton, where he found employ-

ment in a factory. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing had six children, as follows: Anna Jane, born April 24, 1858, who is the wife of Charles O. Lyon, of this town, and who has borne her husband three children, of whom Helena B. and Marion C. are still living; Sarah M., born in June, 1859, married to Henry B. Norton, overseer on a farm in Southampton, and mother of one child, Hiram; Flora B., born October 4, 1860, wife of Arthur H. Searle, a farmer, and mother of three children—Flora Helen, Frank Arthur, and Hazel; Frank Samuel, born January 1, 1863, married to Estalla Clapp, of Southampton, where he is employed as a clerk in the general store of A. G. Judd; Elizabeth R., born in 1864, married to Ralph M. Fowler (proprietor of a meat market at Northampton), and mother of two children—Maynard and Helen; and Elizabeth R., who died in infancy. Mrs. Ewing, the devoted wife and tender mother, passed away in 1888, leaving the home desolate. She was a woman of high Christian character, and, with her husband, was a conscientious member of the Congregational church. The remarkable success that has followed Mr. Ewing throughout his business career is entirely due to his own efforts. No doubt the stability of purpose, straightforwardness of disposition, and good business habits for which he is known have been influential agents in bringing about the result.

GEORGE B. CANTERBURY, a retired farmer of Ware, is a native of this town, where his birth occurred in 1837, and a son of Henry and Melintha (Leach) Canterbury. Henry Canterbury, born in Hingham, Mass., in 1799, who was a successful agriculturist of Ware, married for his first wife a daughter of Joseph Hawes, of Monson, Mass.; and their union was blessed by

the birth of five children. After her death, which occurred at an early age, he married Miss Melintha Leach, born in Belchertown, Mass., about the year 1809, who outlived him five years. Of this marriage there were born a son and daughter, George B. and Elizabeth, the latter residing in Ware. Their father died in 1884, eighty-five years of age.

George B. Canterbury graduated from the public schools of Ware. He then learned the trade of a mason, at which he was employed until the commencement of the Civil War. On November 20, 1861, he enlisted in Company D of the Thirty-first Massachusetts Regiment, and was appointed Third Sergeant of his company. On May 8, 1863, he was wounded at Sabine Cross-roads, being shot through the lungs and liver. While disabled in this way he was taken prisoner and confined in the rebel prison at Mansfield, La., for ten months. He was then paroled, and returned to his home on a sixty days' furlough. After three years of service he was honorably discharged. By this time he had been promoted to the rank of First Sergeant, and was brevetted as First Lieutenant. For fifteen years prior to making his home in Ware he conducted a large dairy farm in the town of Hardwick, Worcester County, where he was one of the most progressive farmers of that section, and put in the first creamery used in that vicinity. He sold this establishment in February, 1895.

On August 9, 1864, he was married to Miss Martha J. Esterbrook, of Holden, Mass., a daughter of Josiah Esterbrook. She bore her husband three children, namely: Maud S., who married Emery Barnes, of Ware, and died June 1, 1893, the third day after her mother's death; Grace, who is the second wife of Emery Barnes; and Alvah G. Canterbury, a successful engineer, who married Miss Grace

Campbell, of Ware. Their mother was fifty-four years of age at the time of her death. Mr. Canterbury is a stanch Republican. He has served as Constable for eleven years, and during his residence in Hardwick he was Road Commissioner for three years. He has also served on the police force in Ware for fifteen years, during which period he proved himself one of the most efficient and vigilant officers the town has had. He is a Master Mason, and is a member of J. W. Lawton Post, No. 85, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he has served as Adjutant. He is now residing with his daughter, Mrs. Barnes, in Ware.

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**C**HARLES S. PRATT, a retired architect and builder, living at Northampton, was born in that town, February 16, 1822, son of Thomas and Eunice (Parsons) Pratt. Thomas Pratt was born in East Boston, Mass., in 1784, and was one of the most competent architects and builders of his time. He had excellent taste, great skill, and was a workman of superior merit. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. In that year he settled in Northampton; and his third wife, now a widow eighty-seven years of age, still resides there. In 1813 he married for his first wife Eunice Parsons, a native of this place. They had seven sons and one daughter, all of whom except one son grew to adult life, and reared families. Three of them are still living, namely: William F., an architect in Northampton; Levi L., an editor in Watertown, N.Y., aged eighty-one years; and Charles S., of this notice. The father followed his profession during his years of activity. Many of the present dwellings and public buildings of this and other cities were planned and built by him. Mount Holyoke College, Easthampton church, and a magnifi-

cent mansion just outside of the city of Baltimore, Md., which he was two years in completing, are fair samples of his work. He was proficient in every branch of his business, from the turning of the grindstone to the most exacting demands of architecture. With his fine mental qualities he possessed great physical strength and endurance, and was blessed with robust health, retaining all his teeth in a sound condition throughout his life. He was very prominent in public affairs, and twice represented his district in the legislature. His second wife was before marriage Pamelia Parsons, no relative of his first wife. No children were born of this or of his last marriage.

Charles S. Pratt received but a limited common-school education, having begun, when only fifteen years old, to learn the carpenter's trade. He followed this occupation continuously for some forty-five years, erecting many of the fine buildings and residences of his native city and winning the reputation of a first-class workman. He has inherited the physical constitution as well as the mental characteristics of his father. Now, at the age of seventy-three years, he is a finely preserved man. He is held in high consideration by his neighbors and friends.

In 1847 Mr. Pratt was united in wedlock with Rachel M. Stickney, a native of South Hadley and daughter of Walter Stickney. After a happy wedded life of more than two-score years she died in 1890, in the sixtieth year of her age. She bore her husband four children, as follows: Mary Ann, who died in infancy; Charles S., Jr., unmarried, an architect of this city and the superintendent of the fire alarm; George S., who went West, supposed to be deceased, as he has never been heard from since; and Hattie Howard, living at home, who has been a suc-

cessful teacher in the grammar school for the past ten or more years. Mr. Pratt has devoted much of his time to Free Masonry, being one of the oldest Knights Templars of Northampton and a member of the Chapter. Politically, he has been a lifelong Democrat. He has served the city in the capacities of Assistant and Chief Engineer for twenty years, during which period he proved himself an efficient and trustworthy officer in every respect. His residence, which is one of the most substantial in the city, was built by his father about eighty-three years ago.

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**D**ARWIN E. LYMAN, a prosperous merchant of Cummington, Mass., was born in that town, July 26, 1846, son of Benjamin B. and Roxana (Packard) Lyman. This branch of the Lyman family in America started with Richard Lyman, who was born in old England in 1580. On coming to this country, he settled in Connecticut, where he died in 1640.

Beginning with him, the succeeding lineal representatives were: Robert, born in 1629; John, born in 1660; and Gad, who was born in 1713. Gad settled in Goshen, Mass.; and his son Timothy became the father of John C., whose birth occurred in Northampton in 1775. The last named was the grandfather of Darwin E. Lyman. He first settled in the town of Cummington, where L. Steel now lives, and later purchased the farm of one hundred and fifty acres which is now the property of P. P. Lyman. He erected a house there, which has since been burned, and which stood opposite the present one. He was a man of thrift and enterprise, and before his death he had brought his farm into an excellent state of cultivation. He became the father of five children, namely: Coleston, who died in

childhood; Benjamin B.; Hannah; Christie; and Susan.

Benjamin B. Lyman was a native of Goshen, Mass., where his birth took place on September 17, 1807. At his father's death he purchased the old homestead in Cummington, where he devoted his time and attention to stock-raising, making a specialty of sheep-raising. He built the house now standing. In his political relations he was a Republican, and in religious belief he was orthodox and a member of the Congregational church. His wife was a daughter of Philander Packard. They were the parents of six children; namely, William C., Philander, Agnes, Flora, Alvin, and Darwin E. William C., the eldest-born, entered the United States Navy in 1861 as Assistant Surgeon, but was soon after promoted to the position of Head Surgeon, and served as such until the close of the Civil War. He then went to Chicago, Ill., where he was employed for nine years as physician and surgeon in the hospital, after which for thirteen years he was chairman of the Board of Pension Examiners. He ranked high as an authority in medical and surgical matters. During his war service he had the yellow fever, from which he never fully recovered; and in 1879 he died, when but forty-two years of age. He married Miss Kate Hamlin, who survived him, and is now engaged as clerk in the Interior Department at Washington, D.C.

Darwin E. Lyman, the youngest child of his parents, began at the age of twenty-one years to clerk in the store of L. Orcutt, for whom he worked two years; and then, in company with C. W. Streeter, he bought out his employer, and for six years they conducted a general store with much success. At the end of that time he purchased his partner's interest, and thereafter carried on the business alone. In 1888 he bought the N. F. Orcutt

house and store, and moved his store from the lower part of the village to its present site, where he has one of the best country establishments of the kind in Hampshire County. On August 8, 1894, he was burned out. By the 17th of September he had a store ready for occupancy, and by the 1st of February, 1895, had completed his fine new residence, store, storehouse, and barns. His stock comprises as good an assortment as is to be found anywhere in that section of the State.

On November 20, 1870, he was united in marriage with Miss Julia S. Stevens, daughter of Lafayette and Laura (Packard) Stevens, and who conducts a millinery store in Cummington. They have a son and daughter. The son, Eugene W., born April 4, 1872, a graduate of Amherst College, who in 1894 taught in Williston Seminary, is now an instructor at Lawrenceville, N.J., in a preparatory school where young men are fitted for college. The daughter, Laura A., born May 5, 1874, is a member of the Junior class at Smith College, where she is preparing to become a teacher.

Mr. Lyman is a stanch Republican. He has held the town office of Selectman since 1886, and with the exception of the first two years has acted as chairman of that board. He is a member of the Morning Star Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Conway, Mass.

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**WILLIAM L. CHILSON**, Postmaster of Swift River, a well-known merchant and manufacturer, was born in Southampton, Mass., October 28, 1858, son of William W. and Sarah L. (Ludden) Chilson. Mr. Chilson's great-grandfather, Asaph Chilson, who was a native of Wales, emigrated to America, and settled in Albany, N.Y., where he followed the trade of a weaver.

His children were: Lucretia, Huldah, Nabby John, and Asaph. John Chilson, who seem to have been the elder son, was born in Albany in October, 1785. He was one of the early teamsters between Albany and Boston but, after going over the route many times, he bought a small farm in Buckland, Franklin County, Mass., upon which he settled, and resided there until his death, which occurred at a good old age. John Chilson married Clarissa Butler, daughter of Levi Butler, of Buckland; and their children were: Haines H. Milo C., Nancy, Andrew M., Clarissa, William W., Elizabeth, and another child, who died young.

William W. Chilson was born in Buckland Mass., November 15, 1824. He adopted agriculture as an occupation; and, after working upon different farms in that locality, he purchased a small farm in Easthampton, Hampshire County, but sold it shortly, and bought another in Goshen, Mass., which he cultivated successfully for twenty years. He then exchanged his Goshen farm for his present property in the village of Swift River, and has since resided here. In 1867 Mr. Chilson received injuries the result of which has caused him considerable disability; but, possessing a strong constitution, he is otherwise in good health. He is a Democrat in politics.

On January 21, 1855, William W. Chilson married Sarah L. Ludden, of Southampton. Mrs. Chilson was born November 2, 1838 daughter of Edwin C. and Elizabeth L. (Thorp) Ludden, the former of whom was a real estate owner and a farmer, and was also engaged in butchering. Mr. and Mrs. William W. Chilson have seven children, as follows: Milo B., who married Mary Demmond William L., the subject of this sketch; Ros E. J., wife of Lewis Ferd; Lizzie S., wif

of Charles Small; Edward A., who married Nellie A. McCoy; Juliet E., wife of George Preston; and Clara M. Mrs. Sarah L. Chilson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

William L. Chilson was educated in the schools of Southampton and Goshen. In 1884 he bought the H. G. Wells property in Swift River, which he remodelled and enlarged by building an addition; and in this he opened a general store, the first to be established here, where he continues to conduct a profitable business. In 1891, in company with H. G. Reed, he purchased the manufacturing establishment and water privilege of the Crosby Company, which included two tenement-houses, and engaged in the manufacture of tool handles of every description, gauge-cocks, radiator valve handles of the finest finish, also carrying on a general sawing and planing business. The mills are equipped with improved machinery; and, in case the water supply fails, there is a thirty-horse power engine in readiness to be used as a substitute. Native beech, birch, and maple woods are used in their products, and also rosewood, which they import. A force of twelve men is constantly employed, and the business is firmly established and favorably known. Mr. Chilson likewise carries on the jewelry repairing business at his store, and he is a licensed auctioneer. He is a Republican in politics, and in 1891 was appointed Postmaster of Swift River, a position which he still holds.

On October 16, 1884, Mr. Chilson was united in marriage with Susan E. Willcott, daughter of Alvin and Mary A. (Crosby) Willcott, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer of Swift River. Mr. and Mrs. Chilson have two children: William Leroy and Wallace S. Mr. Chilson is a Congregationalist in religion.

LUCAS WILLIAMS, formerly a merchant tailor and coal dealer of Amherst, Mass., now living in retirement, was born in the town of Huntington, August 23, 1822, son of Samuel and Susan (Wight) Williams, respectively natives of Huntington and Dedham, Mass.

His grandfather, Isaac Williams, was one of the early settlers of Huntington, where he followed the calling of a farmer. He reared a family of three sons and two daughters, all of whom lived to marry. Samuel Williams grew to manhood in Huntington; and, like his father, he also engaged in agriculture. He was diligent in his work, and was esteemed by his neighbors. He and his wife were constant attendants at the Congregational church, of which she was a member. In politics he was a Whig. Lucas Williams is now the sole survivor of the nine children born to his parents. Those deceased are: Edward; S. Dwight; John; Lucius, the twin brother of Lucas; and Susan L. Three died in infancy. Their father's death occurred at Huntington when he was seventy-two years of age. His wife died at the same age. Lucas Williams lived in Huntington until he was sixteen years of age, acquiring a good practical education in the common schools. In 1840 he came to Amherst, where he began to learn the trade of a tailor under the instruction of Thompson Kimberly, with whom he remained about four years. He next went to Barre, Mass., where he was engaged at his trade for four and a half years. Following that he moved to Huntington, where he remained for a brief period, and later spent a short time in Northampton. In 1849 he established himself in business in South Hadley. He conducted it successfully for six and a half years, when, in 1856, he returned to Amherst. Here he carried on the business of a merchant tailor

until 1869, at which time he was succeeded by his nephew, B. H. Williams. In 1870 he severed all connection with the business. Prior to 1876 he was for three years engaged as a coal dealer, but since that time he has lived a retired life. He owns half of the large business block in which his residence is located. His means are amply sufficient to maintain him in comfort without further labor.

He was first married in 1865 to Mrs. Eliza C. Barrows. She died in 1890; and in March, 1892, he entered into a second marriage with Mrs. Florence E. (Marshall) Strong, who was born in Lyme, N.H. There are no children by either union.

In politics Mr. Williams is a Republican. He attends the Congregational church, of which his wife is a member. Though now retired from active participation in business, Mr. Williams is looked upon as a representative business man of the town, and is held in high esteem.

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 CYRUS S. PRESTON, a resident of the village of South Hadley and foreman of the paint shop of Howard Gaylord & Co.'s sash, door, and blind factory, was born in South Hadley, April 6, 1834, son of Joel and Mabel (Smith) Preston. His grandfather, Gardner Preston, was born in South Hadley, September 15, 1749, and was reared to agriculture, which he followed through life. He was also County Surveyor, and made the original survey of Hampshire County when it was laid out. He died at his home in this town, May 26, 1834. Gardner Preston raised a family of four children, as follows (all now deceased): Jerusha, Gardner, Joel, and Calvin.

Joel Preston was born in South Hadley in 1800. He assisted in carrying on the farm,

and after the death of his father purchased the interests of the other heirs. He later sold the property, and moved to Licking County, Ohio, where he bought a farm, which he conducted for twelve years, and then disposing of it returned to his native State by wagon, making the journey in twenty-one days. He purchased a farm of thirty-three acres in South Hadley, but after carrying it on for ten years sold it, and bought the place now occupied by his son, Cyrus S., with whom he passed the remainder of his life. He died September 19, 1881. Joel Preston was twice married. His first wife, Mr. Preston's mother, was born in Granby, Mass., and was a daughter of Samuel Smith, a farmer and a lifelong resident of Granby, who was a prominent man in the community and a Deacon of the Congregational church. Mr. Smith died at the age of eighty-four years in the house in which he was born. Joel Preston was the father of eight children by his first union, namely: Abigail, who married Alonzo Percival, and is now dead; Cyrus S., the subject of this sketch; Martha, who married E. D. Ingraham, and resides in Worcester, Mass.; Joel, who died in Ohio; Henry Joel, an architect of Boston; Neville, who was killed in the Civil War; Sophia, who married Henry Mansfield, and resides in Newtonville, Mass.; and Lyman, a resident of South Hadley. The mother having died, Joel Preston wedded for his second wife Mrs. Harriet Joslyn, of Granby, who survives him and is now residing with a daughter in South Hadley.

Cyrus S. Preston attended district schools in Ohio, and later was graduated from the high school of South Hadley. He resided with his parents until reaching the age of twenty years, at which time he began to learn the painter's trade; and, after working one year in South Hadley, he went to Springfield,

Mass., where he followed his trade for five years. He then returned to South Hadley, and engaged in working by the day until 1861, when as a journeyman painter he entered the employ of Howard Gaylord & Co., with whom he has since remained, at the present time having full charge of their paint shops.

On September 24, 1862, Mr. Preston married Lizzie M. Alden, who was born in Hampshire County in 1840. Her father, James Alden, is a resident of South Hadley Falls; and her mother, whose maiden name was Root, is now dead. By this union Mr. Preston has had three children, namely: Carrie, who married Bertram Bowker, and resides in Suffield, Conn.; Nathaniel, a dentist of South Hadley; and Warren, who died at the age of seventeen. Mr. Preston's first wife died May 3, 1870; and in 1872 he wedded Annie M. Hunter, of Enfield, Mass. They have two children, namely: Archie D., who is in business in Scranton, Pa.; and Cyrus Collier, who resides at home.

 CHARLES L. WARREN, of Florence, Mass., who for upward of forty years has dealt in live-stock, surviving all who were his contemporaries in that business at the time he started, is actively engaged in it still. He was born in Williamsburg, July 6, 1826, son of Mather and Ann M. (Fairfield) Warren, both natives of the same town.

Cotton Mather Warren, his grandfather, was one of the first settlers of Williamsburg. He located on a spot between Hatfield and Albany, where the foundations of the old house are still to be seen. His wife, who before marriage was Miss Lois White, of Belchertown, Mass., bore him five children, as follows: Julia, the wife of Charles Bridgman, now residing in Ohio; Mrs. Sophia Seeley;

Mather; George, a carpenter of Northampton, who died at the age of sixty; and Mrs. Lu-cinda Bryant, of Pelham, Mass. Mather Warren, besides farming two hundred acres of farm land, moved buildings and performed carpenter work. He had a blacksmith shop on his farm, and owned two saw-mills, which he successfully conducted. His wife, to whom he was married in 1821, -was a daughter of Ira W. Fairfield, who is said to have been the first white male child born in the town of Williamsburg. Five children were born to them; namely, Almira Caroline, Charles L., Hannah M., Henry W., and William F. Almira Caroline became the wife of Seth Church. After his death she married a Mr. Knight, but is now a widow again, and resides in Tennessee. The larger part of her life has been spent as a teacher. Prior to her marriage she was an instructress in Wilbraham Academy; and later she and Mr. Church taught in Athens, Tenn. After Mr. Knight's death she again took up teaching as a vocation. Hannah M. married Dr. Hill, of Chicago, Ill., where she died at their home on Michigan Avenue, leaving one daughter. Henry W., who is a Bishop in the Methodist Episcopal church, with headquarters in Denver, Col., has been twice married. His second wife was the Widow Iliff, better known as the Cattle Queen of the West; each has three children by the first marriage. William F. Warren, who, as well as his brother Henry W., was a graduate of Middletown Academy, is President of the Boston University.

Charles L. Warren acquired his education by attendance at the district school for the usual length of time and at a select school and Wilbraham Academy for two and one terms respectively. He remained at home with his parents, and succeeded to the owner-

ship of the old homestead at his father's death. In 1867 he removed to his present home, which he erected on the outskirts of Florence. With the lot on which it stands he purchased another adjoining it. In 1870 he sold the homestead farm. He deals principally in native stock, making a portion of his purchases in Vermont; and he has farms from two to four miles from his home, on the pastures of which he feeds his stock, while he cultivates the tillage land. These farms have fine orchards, yielding from two to six hundred barrels of apples per year. During the war and up to 1883 he conducted a meat market, for which he ran five or six meat carts.

On November 25, 1846, he was united in marriage with Miss Minerva G. Gardner, of Hartford, a daughter of B. D. Gardner. They became the parents of five children; namely, Lizzie M., Fred C., Sarah M., Mary L., and Minnie G. Lizzie M., the youngest

daughter, has made kindergarten work a specialty. After establishing her school in Florence, she spent a year in Berlin, studying kindergarten methods. She is now engaged in her school, and is meeting with merited success. Fred C., who is married, is a graduate of Wilbraham Academy and a successful business man. He is a commission merchant in Chicago, Ill., with an office on Wabash Avenue. Sarah M. is a book-keeper at the brush factory. Mary L., a music teacher, has just returned from Berlin after a year's absence spent in study. Minnie G., like the other children, received a good practical education in the schools of Florence and at Wilbraham Academy. Mr. Warren votes the Republican ticket, but has never been desirous of office. He is much attached to his home and family, of whom he may well be proud. He is a communicant of the Congregational church.

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